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One Hundred Year History

First Baptist Church
of
Siler City , North Carolina

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Celebrating The Past
Committed To The Future

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He taught mathematics and science in the Chatham County School system for 17 years. He taught mathematics for two years at Sandhills Community College, Southern Pines, North Carolina. His teaching career was interrupted for two years when he served a tour of duty with the United States Army assigned to the Air Force in Europe from 1953 to 1955. He was Principal of Jordan-Matthews High School for 16 years.

Murray Andrew

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Foreword

No written history can be complete. A historical transcript is only as complete and accurate as the documentation preserved in any given period of time.

The First Baptist Church is fortunate to have all conference minutes documented; although at times, these minutes are sparse and incomplete. It is my hope and prayer that I have been able to put together a worthwhile history of our church from the material available.

Much of the information came from outside research - tracing relatives to obtain pictures and information, minutes from several churches, pastors' files located at the Baptist Historical Library at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, correspondence and conversations with older persons, and written documents from the Sandy Creek Association.

The history is divided into six chapters:

1. **Heritage**
2. **Beginnings (1889 - c. 1894)**
3. **First Church Home (c. 1894 - 1930)**
4. **Second Church Home (1930 - c. 1961)**
5. **Church Complex (c. 1961 - present)**
6. **Centennial Celebration**

This history has been written for those who have been members of the First Baptist Church of Siler City, for the present members, and for those who will become members in the future.

Murray M. Andrew
March 1, 1989

HERITAGE Chapter 1

First Baptist Church of Siler City

The First Baptist Church of Siler City was organized in the Thompson School Academy on May 17, 1889, as a branch of Loves Creek Church. The First Baptist Church was the first church to be organized in the newly-formed Town of Siler City. Two other churches were organized in the area of Matthews Crossroads before this area became the Town of Siler City. One of these churches was the Corinth A. M. E. Zion Church, organized in 1884; the other was the First Methodist Episcopal Church South, which was organized on November 1, 1886.

William W. Matthews bought the John Siler house and 140 acres of land of the 615 acre estate. This purchase was made on December 15, 1842. Stagecoaches traveled past, and Mr. Matthews provided food and lodging for travelers. The place was soon called Matthews Crossroads. One of these roads ran in an east-west direction from Raleigh to Salisbury, and the other ran in a north-south direction from Greensboro to Fayetteville.

Loves Creek Baptist Church

Loves Creek Baptist Church was organized in August 1825 as a branch of Rocky River Baptist Church. The church began with 64 members and, for a few years, the congregation worshiped in a brush arbor built in the grove near the church, just east of the present building located two miles east of Siler City.

Rocky River Baptist Church

Rocky River Baptist Church was organized in 1756 or 1757 as a branch of the Sandy Creek Baptist Church. According to many of the oldest members of the church, Rocky River was organized in 1756 by the Reverend Shubael Stearns one year after he organized Sandy Creek Church. There have been three buildings and two remodelings. The first two buildings were located near the present church building on the Snow Camp Road.

Sandy Creek Church

Shubael Stearns and 15 other persons arrived at Sandy Creek on November 14, 1755. The site was located a little northwest of the Town of Staley. A church building was soon completed, and a church was formed with 16 charter members:

Shubael Stearns and wife	Daniel Marshall and wife	Peter Stearns and wife	Joseph Breed and wife
Ebenezer Stearns and wife	Enoch Stinson and wife	Shubael Stearns, Sr. and wife	Jonathan Polk and wife

Shubael Stearns became the minister and preached there until his death, November 20, 1771.

Soon after the organization of Sandy Creek Church, its membership had grown to 606 members; but by deaths, removals, and dismissions to unite with other Baptist churches, it was reduced to 14 members by 1772, one year after Rev. Stearns' death. The main reason for the decline of Sandy Creek Church was the exodus of many families from the area after the Battle of Alamance. It has been documented that 1,500 families left May 16, 1771; and a great many more were only waiting to dispose of their plantations in order to follow them. The Battle of Alamance resulted from the abuse of power which prevailed in the province and caused the inhabitants finally to rise up in arms and fight for their privileges. The people despaired of seeing the times getting any better so they spread to western North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, South Carolina and points farther south and west. Though one church suffered, many more Separate Baptist churches sprung up.

Sandy Creek, however, became the mother church of all the Separate or Regular Baptists in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and for some churches in neighboring states to these. Sandy Creek became the mother church to the Sandy Creek Baptist Association, formed in June 1758. Rev. Stearns visited churches which he had helped organize, and induced them to send delegates to Sandy Creek Meeting House for the purpose of forming a Baptist Association.

Shubael Stearns

Very little is known of Shubael Stearns' early life. He was born January 28, 1706 in Boston, Massachusetts, the son of Shubael Stearns, Sr. and Rebecca Larriford Stearns. He married Sarah Johnstone but left no issue.

Although born to Presbyterian parents, he fell under the influence of George Whitefield's evangelical zeal and became first a New-Light in 1745, during the great evangelistic crusade in the eastern colonies during the mid-eighteenth century. He left this group in 1751 to join the Baptist, being convinced, from the word of God, that in failing to submit to the ordinance of immersion, he had neglected a most important command of the Redeemer. He was immersed by the Elder Wait Palmer, at Tolland, Connecticut and was ordained to the work of the ministry the same year by Elders Wait Palmer and Joshua Mors. Rev. Stearns emphasized in his preaching the doctrine of the new birth, believer's baptism, free justification, and the autonomy of each congregation.

According to Benedict, Stearns believed that to those who sought Him, God often gave clear indications of His will. Stearns believed his call to be one to travel far and westward to spread the gospel. In 1754, he founded a Baptist church in Berkley County, Virginia. Here, he met Daniel Marshall who had been doing mission work with the Indians.

Stearns and Marshall moved to Hampshire County, Virginia, where they did not meet with expected success. While here, they heard reports that there were few churches and few ministers in the sparsely settled area of North Carolina. Reports came that some men rode horseback 40 miles to church and that some churches were 100 miles from its nearest church. So, Stearns gathered a group of followers and set out for North Carolina, settling on Sandy Creek in then Guilford County, but now Randolph County.

Shubael Stearns was a man of small stature with good physical stamina and very sound judgement. He had dark penetrating eyes which seemed to have deep meaning in every glance. His voice was musical and strong and had a way of making soft impressions on the heart and bringing tears to the eyes. His delivery was so pronounced that many followed in his footsteps. All the Separate Baptist ministers copied him in tones of voice, actions of body, and very few ever exceeded him. His character was indisputably good, both as a man, a christian, and a preacher.

Although Stearns remained the pastor at Sandy Creek until his death, he traveled much of North Carolina and Virginia preaching the gospel to any group that would listen. Because of this, he is known as the best example of missionary zeal in modern times, and this is the basis on which all of our churches have become missionary Baptist churches. In seventeen years from 1755, Morgan Edwards wrote that forty-two churches and one hundred twenty-five ministers had sprung from the work of Stearns and Sandy Creek.

(Most of the information we have on Rev. Shubael Stearns comes from Morgan Edwards, Baptist minister from Philadelphia, who traveled in North Carolina in 1771-1772 and left a manuscript entitled "Materials Toward the History of the Baptists in North Carolina").

Separate Baptists

Until the seventh century most all Christians were of the Roman Catholic faith. Several evangelical groups flourished and faded until the sixteenth century. Martin Luther was recognized, after publishing his famous Ninety-Five Theses concerning indulgences within his Catholic church, as the driving force which symbolized the split within Christianity between Protestants and Roman Catholics. This, also, resulted in King Henry VIII breaking away and forming the Church of England. To King Henry VIII this was more political than religious, and it wasn't very long until many English Christians were on the scene demanding reform in their church. They felt that the established Church of England had become corrupt and selfish and had abandoned the teachings of the New Testament.

There were two groups of dissidents—Puritans and Separatists. The Puritans attempted to correct the ways of the church from within. The Separatists broke away from the church. The Separatists included many different groups holding a variety of views. This gave rise to most of our Protestant denominations. One of the groups was the Separate Baptist. At first they were called "Brethren" or "Brethren of the Baptized Way". The Separate Baptists were named by their opponents who ridiculed them just as many of the other groups were named. The Brethren who were described as those who "plunged over head and ears" during an immersion service became known as Baptist. Most of the Separate Baptists left England. One group came to America with the Puritans in the 17th century. For a century the Separate Baptists were persecuted, therefore, they worked and worshipped under cover; but they still were able to spread and grow in numbers. They grew immensely during the great crusade of the 18th century. During this same time, Shubael Stearns joined the Separate Baptist. With his call to travel and make believers of men, he soon persuaded missionary believers of men, and so the Missionary Baptist Church of which we are a part today was established.

BEGINNINGS 1889 - 1894 Chapter 2

Introduction

Five years seems to be a reasonable estimate of the time the First Baptist Church members met for conferences and services in the Thompson School Academy.

Thompson Military School Academy
1889 - 1894

Starting with ten members, the church membership had grown only to 13 members with additions and dismissions by 1893. Only one baptism had taken place. By the end of 1894, the membership had more than doubled. One note stated that the revival in April of 1894 was held in the new church and, also the same year, a committee was appointed to find a location to place a baptistery in the new church.

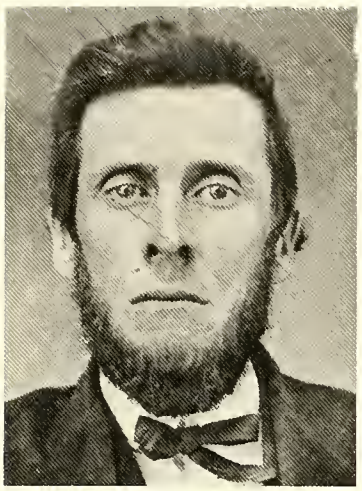
This early period of slow growth was met with much faith, hope, and a determination to not let their dream

die. They were challenged often by their minister and Christian brothers not to give up. They were no more than 10 in number, and they were struggling to build a church building for a place they could call their own in which to worship and serve the Lord.

The Presbytery

A Presbytery is a group of elders or ministers appointed by an association to take care of a church matter upon the request of a local church or churches. On a Friday evening, May 17, 1889, a Presbytery met in the Thompson School Academy for the purpose of considering the propriety of organizing a company of Baptist believers into a regular Missionary Baptist Church. The Presbytery members were:

Rev. William Robert (W. R.) Gwaltney
1835 - 1907



W.R. Gwaltney

William Robert Gwaltney, son of Howell Lashley and Elsie Gwaltney, was born September 9, 1835, in Alexander County, North Carolina and was reared on a farm. He attended the schools in his neighborhood, afterwards went to York Collegiate Institute, and in 1855 to the academy taught by Major J. H. Foote at Taylorsville, North Carolina. He entered Wake Forest College in the Fall of 1859.

W. R. Gwaltney united with the Pilgrim Church, Alexander County, and was baptized in October 1853; was licensed to preach April 1, 1860, and was ordained at Taylorsville, March 1, 1863.

He volunteered as a Private in the First Regiment North Carolina Troops in May 1862, and was appointed Chaplain of the regiment December 30, 1862. He was active in his work—many soldiers professed faith, and he often baptized in the Shenandoah and Rapidan rivers. He was active in the great revival in General Lee's army in the Winter of 1863-64, one of the greatest religious eras in military history.

On January 1867, W. R. Gwaltney returned to Wake Forest College and received his diploma in June. He pastored in the following fields: Hillsboro, Mocksville, Raleigh, Greensboro, and Hickory. He organized and erected new buildings in several of these areas. It was during his stay in Greensboro that he led the presbytery that organized our church.

On January 30, 1866, he married Miss A. E. Staley, of Wilkesboro, North Carolina, and to them were born six daughters and four sons.

He was a trustee of Wake Forest College for thirty-nine years, trustee for the Baptist Orphanage, and a trustee of the Baptist Female University of Raleigh.

Rev. W. R. Gwaltney has been considered one of the three most notable men among the Baptists in the transition period subsequent to the war.

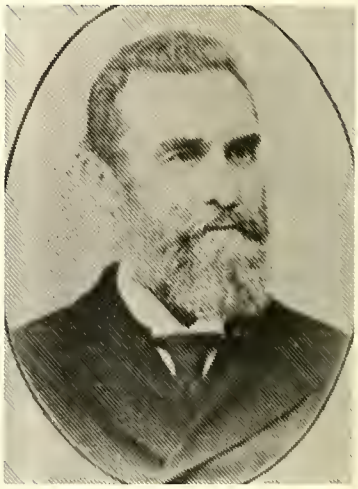
Rev. James Brantley (J. B.) Richardson
1839 - 1912

James Brantley Richardson was born in Moore County, North Carolina, on June 16, 1839, the son of Rev. Noah Richardson. He completed high school in Carthage, North Carolina and graduated from Wake Forest College with a B. A. degree in 1861, a M. A. degree in 1866 and D. D. degree in 1894. He served churches in Lilesville where he was ordained in 1892, Gum Springs, Wadesboro, Pleasant Grove, Meadow Branch, and Matthews for 13 years; Leaksville and Spray for 13 years; Catawba, Newton, Hickory, Marion, Waughton, Union Hill, Jersey, Abbotts, Greensboro, High Point; Burlington and Siler City, and Dudley, South Carolina.

W. G. Brown said of him, "He was an able preacher of the word and a successful pastor and could have held many of our strongest pastorates, but preferred to give his service to the weak and needy churches. He gloried in the fact that he had spent most of his ministerial life in mission work."

He served as corresponding secretary of the State Baptist Convention for the years, 1875-1878. He also taught school for 12 years and was the author of the following tracts:

"Position of Baptism in Bible"
"Lord's Supper"
"Evils of Infant Baptism"
"Pedo . . . Baptist Immersion"



Rev. J. B. Richardson

Rev. Joseph Daniel (J. Dan) Hackney
1843 - 1927

Rev. J. Dan Hackney

J. Dan Hackney was born January 2, 1843 and was the youngest son of Rev. Dan Hackney and Mary Culberson. He married Sarah Jane Dorsett, and they were parents of seven children; Leondias Laird Hackney, Wayland E. Hackney, Mary Hackney Russell, John Richard Hackney, Julia Hackney Ward, Samuel H. Hackney, and William R. Hackney. They also reared his sister's orphaned children—Mamie Whitehead Straughan and Henry Clay Whitehead.

Rev. J. Dan Hackney was pastor of several churches in this area and was pastor at Mount Vernon Springs when he served on the Presbytery. He later moved to Franklinville, North Carolina, with his family and preached for several churches in that area for about 35 years.

Rev. (J. L.) Smith

Rev. Jesse Lewis (J. L.) Smith
1836 - 1909

Rev. J. L. Smith was born August 13, 1836 and was the son of Jesse Smith and Elizabeth Hutt. He professed faith in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of Loves Creek Church when he was about 17 years old. He married Eliza Adcock, and they were the parents of five children: Shubal Stearns Smith, Richard Smith, Jesse Merritt Smith, Mary Etta Smith Pickard, and Cattie Smith Fesmire.

Rev. J. L. Smith volunteered and joined the Southern Army at the beginning of the Civil War. He fought bravely with his company and regiment until he was captured during the wilderness campaign. He remained in prison until the close of the war.

He felt it his duty to preach the gospel soon after he joined the church, but excused himself because of his incomplete education. While a prisoner of war, he promised the Lord if he would bring him home to his family he would do anything he could. He was ordained to preach in October of 1872.

During his ministry, he pastored 26 churches, remaining at Fall's Creek for 40 years of this time. It has been stated that he led 370 people to Christ at Fall's Creek alone.

Following the reading of scriptures and prayer by the Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, the Presbytery elected the Rev. J. B. Richardson as moderator, and J. Dan Hackney as secretary. Letters were requested from those desiring to go into the organization of the First Baptist Church. The following ten letters were presented and these became our charter members:

Daniel P. Beal

Daniel P. Beal was living in the Mudlick area of Chatham County in the mid 1880's. In September 1886, he professed faith in Christ, was baptized and joined the fellowship of the Rocky River Baptist Church.

D. P. Beal was a carpenter by trade and probably moved into the Siler City area later because he withdrew his membership in March of 1889 in order to become a charter member of the First Baptist Church of Siler City.

Mr. Beal attended church regularly for one year and answered roll call in church conference last on June 14, 1890.

On May 13, 1897, a letter from D. P. Beal was read before the church for a letter to name his membership to the Ashburn Baptist Church in Ashburn, Georgia. The early records of Ashburn Baptist Church were lost in a fire, so there was no way to verify that he became a member there or how long he may have remained. Indications point to the possibility that he may have been a descendant of Thomas Beal, Sr. who settled in eastern Chatham County in the late 17th century.

John Jesse (J. J.) Crutchfield
(1853 -1897)

J. J. Crutchfield was born January 27, 1853, the son of the Rev. Enoch Crutchfield and his second wife, Bathenia Womble. He was a grandson of John and Nancy Ann McPherson Crutchfield of Efland, North Carolina and a great-grandson of Henry and Millie Terrell Crutchfield who were large plantation owners in the Silk Hope area.

J. J. Crutchfield was married September 9, 1876 to Charlotte (Ida) Frances Lutterloh Smith who was a daughter of Alfred and Charlotte Lutterloh Smith. The Smiths were large plantation owners near Ramseur, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crutchfield were the parents of five children: Charlotte Bathenia Crutchfield, Charles Ernest Crutchfield, Junius Frederick Crutchfield, James Ralph Crutchfield, and William Jessie Crutchfield.

J. J. Crutchfield was a shoemaker by trade and, soon after his marriage, he and his wife owned and operated the Smith-Crutchfield Shop in the area during the 1880's and 1890's. This was a ladies' wear and millinery shop.

In May 1877, J. J. Crutchfield was elected the first Marshal of Siler City. He became the first Clerk of the First Baptist Church, and he remained in these two positions until his untimely death February 6, 1897. After his death, his widow and children moved to Greensboro, North Carolina where Mrs. Crutchfield died October 2, 1904.

William Lane Hudson
(1852 - 1941)

W. L. Hudson was born in 1852 and was the son of Charles J. and Otelia Rosser Hudson. He grew up in the Moon's Chapel Church area and joined the church there in September of 1871. He moved his membership to Rocky River Baptist Church in December of 1881.

On December 20, 1878, W. L. Hudson married Annie Victoria Smith, daughter of Adam and Caroline Perry Smith. They were the parents of six children: William Robert Hudson, Rufus Hudson, Mrs. Bunn (Annie Maude Hudson) Phillips, Clyde Hudson, Johnny Hudson, and Mrs. Paul (Minnie Hudson) Phillips.

By trade, W. L. Hudson was considered to be a carpenter. He first worked at a sawmill, and then moved to Siler City and managed a planer mill. While there he designed and received a patent for a windmill. He sold his patent to the Allison Morrison Company of Lynchburg, Virginia and moved there about 1918 to supervise the construction of his windmill. His wife died in Siler City while he was living in Lynchburg, but W. L. remained there until he retired. He, then, returned to Siler City and lived with his daughter, Mrs. Bunn Phillips. Before moving to Lynchburg, W. L. Hudson had built a house for his family on South Dogwood Avenue. His house was sold to J. B. Marley, the funeral director at that time.

Adolphus Crabtree Jordan
(1856 - 1896)

A. C. Jordan was born December 2, 1856, and grew up in the Moon's Chapel area and joined the church there in November 1873. He was the son of Henry Harris and Wincey Lane Jordan, and was one of 12 children. His father farmed and his parents were life-long members of Moon's Chapel.

On December 15, 1880, A. C. Jordan married Cattie Matthews, daughter of William and Margaret Cheek Matthews. A. C. and Cattie Jordan lived with her parents in the house bought from John Siler, where the U. S. Post Office is now located. Cattie Jordan moved her membership to Moon's Chapel and remained there until she joined the First Baptist Church.

A. C. and Cattie Jordan were the parents of six children: Mrs. C. N. (Eulalia Jordan) Bray, Mrs. Van (Willie Jordan) Elkins, Mrs. J. Wade (Berta Jordan) Siler, Mrs. W. T. (Elma Jordan) Baucom, Edward Jordan, and Mrs. J. Wade (Vivian Jordan) Siler.

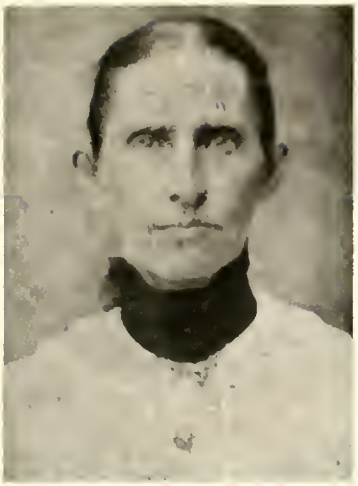
A. C. Jordan farmed with William Matthews and helped him manage his hotel and livery stables. At one time, A. C. Jordan was operating a cotton gin. Grandchildren of A. C. Jordan who are presently members of our church are Mrs. Nathalia Bray Thomas and Mrs. Berta Bray McMasters.

David Reid Sears
(1855 - 1938)

Emma E. Womble Sears
(1859 - 1915)

D. R. Sears was born February 6, 1855, and was the son of Washington W. Sears and Dorcus Maness Sears. He was a member of Loves Creek Church, but moved his membership to Rocky River Baptist Church in July of 1886.

On June 14, 1890, petitions from Sandy Creek and Union Grove Churches were read petitioning this church to request the Sandy Creek Association to call a Presbytery to examine D. R. Sears and, if found worthy, ordain him to the full work of the gospel. The Presbytery appointed included Rev. H. H. Lawhorn, Rev. J. L. Smith, Rev. O. T. Edwards, Rev. W. F. Watson,



Emma E. Womble Sears

and Rev. J. B. Richardson. This was carried out, and Rev. D. R. Sears became the first member of the First Baptist Church of Siler City to be ordained into the ministry. He pastored churches at Sandy Branch, Union Grove and Mechanics Hill. Our church minutes indicate that he may have filled in between pastorates at First Baptist, and he did other supply work while he continued to farm.

Emma E. Womble Sears was the daughter of James and Rebecca Jones Womble, and she was a member of Loves Creek Baptist Church where she remained until she became a charter member of the First Baptist Church. Emma E. Womble and David R. Sears were married March 10, 1880 and were the parents of three children: James Washington Sears, Lumma Augusta Sears Marsh Eubanks, and Dr. Carson Sears.

David Reid Sears

After Emma Sears' death on March 22, 1915, D. R. Sears married Rosa Womble. They had one son, Hardy Sears.

Grandchildren of Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Sears who are members of our church at the present time are: Mrs. Evelyn Marsh Rightsell, Mrs. Fleet (Ruby Eubanks) Baldwin, and Max Sears.

William Alexander (W. A.) Teague
(1855 - 1936)

W. A. Teague was born December 20, 1855, and was the son of William Madison Teague and Amy Elizabeth Cox Teague, and grandson of William and Anna Carter Teague. W. A. Teague grew up in the Mudlick area of Chatham County and joined the Rocky River Baptist Church by professing faith and baptism in September of 1876 and remained there until he became a charter member of the First Baptist Church.

On September 20, 1880, he married Malinda Jane Lambe, daughter of Oliver and Polly Minerva Teague Lambe, and they were the parents of three children: John Randolph Teague, Mrs. J. L. (Myrtle Teague) Carrick, and Charlie Ross Teague.

In 1888, W. A. Teague joined the firm opened by John F. Lambe and A. A. Lambe. The firm then became the Teague and Lambe firm which was the town's leading general merchandise store. It was also the leading supplier of building materials. In 1919, the general merchandise section was sold to C. L. Brower, but W. A. Teague and John F. Lambe continued the lumber and building materials section for several years. The W. A. Teague homestead was located at 618 North Second Avenue.

William Alexander Teague

Duncan Lane Webster

Duncan Lane (D.L.) Webster

D. L. Webster was born June 1, 1850 and was the son of Richard Webster and Mary Hamlet Webster of the Emmaus Church area. He joined Emmaus Baptist Church by accepting faith and baptism in September 1865. He served as a delegate to the Sandy Creek Association from Emmaus Church in 1871 through 1874. D. L. Webster moved to Matthews Crossroads and engaged in merchandising. In 1887, he joined and became a part-owner of Hadley-Peoples and Company. This company sold all kinds of general merchandise, bought and sold cotton, canned fruit for shipment, sold fertilizers and seeds, and sold all produce for the time period,

In 1902, the Hadley brothers sold their interest to D. L. Webster and J. N. Peoples. The company became known then as the Webster-Peoples Company. After the death of J. N. Peoples, his interest was bought by J. F. Paschal, and then the company operated with the name of Webster-Paschal Company from 1905 to 1915, until the death of D. L. Webster March 22, 1915.

D. L. Webster was married to Ollie Bradshaw on March 6, 1896, and they were the parents of two sons: Jennings Bradshaw Webster and Roland Webster. Their homeplace was a two-story frame house on the lot owned now by Curtis Marley.

D. L. Webster was appointed postmaster of the Siler City Post Office in 1913. Mrs. Webster had been a teacher in the Siler City schools but, after the death of her husband, she became postmistress until 1919. The two Webster sons moved away from Siler City, and Mrs. Webster left in 1920 to be near her sons. Mrs. Webster passed away October 31, 1959.

A. W. Wilson and Patsy Wilson

A. W. Wilson and wife, Patsy, came to Oakdale Academy in southwestern Alamance County in 1881. Mr. Wilson was a vocal and instrumental music teacher in the Oakdale Academy. The school burned in 1886, and the community did not respond to rebuild the school, and many communities invited the academy to move to their community. A decision was made to move the Oakdale School to Siler City, North Carolina. Mr. J. A. W. Thompson was the headmaster of the school. Mr. Thompson, his faculty, and several of the students came to Siler City to the school which became the Thompson Military School Academy. The school opened in January 1887.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson became charter members of the First Baptist Church which organized in the building where he worked. Mr. Wilson led the singing in the organizational meeting and became the song leader for the church as long as he remained a member.

In September of 1891, A. W. and Patsy Wilson were granted a letter from the First Baptist Church to join the Temple Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina.

Minutes of the Temple Baptist Church point out that A. W. Wilson became very active in the music program at Temple.

After receiving letters from all the prospects, the Articles of Faith were read and adopted. These were the same as those adopted by the Sandy Creek Association and used by all churches in the Association.

The Articles of Faith

ARTICLE I. We believe that there is only one true and living God; the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; equal in essence, power and glory; yet there are not three Gods but one God.

ARTICLE II. That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and only rule of faith and practice.

ARTICLE III. That Adam fell from his original state of purity, and that his sin is imputed to his posterity; that human nature is corrupt, and that man, of his own free will and ability is impotent to regain the state in which he was primarily placed.

ARTICLE IV. We believe in election from eternity, effectual calling by the Holy Spirit of God, and justification in His sight only by the imputation of Christ's righteousness. We believe that they who are thus elected, effectually called, and justified, will persevere through grace to the end, that none of them be lost.

ARTICLE V. We believe that there will be a resurrection from the dead, and a general or universal judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

ARTICLE VI. That the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have obtained fellowship with each other, and have given themselves up to the Lord and one another; having agreed to keep up a godly discipline, according to the rules of the Gospel.

ARTICLE VII. That Jesus Christ is the great head of the church, and that the government thereof is with the body.

ARTICLE VIII. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Lord, and to be continued by His church until His second coming.

ARTICLE IX. That true believers are the only fit subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the only mode.

ARTICLE X. That the church has no right to admit any but regular baptized church members to communion at the Lord's table.

The Presbytery accepted all letters and extended the right hand of fellowship to the new members. Rev. W. R. Gwaltney delivered the charge to the new members and the Rev. J. Dan Hackney presented them with a Bible. The closing prayer was given by J. L. Smith, and thus began the ministry of the First Baptist Church of Siler City, North Carolina.

Ministers

During the beginning of our church, services were held only one Sunday a month. Occasionally, two services were held by the pastor or the evening service was held by a visiting minister. The first minister was Rev. J. B. Richardson, called on May 19, 1889, and served through December 1890. Rev. W. T. Jones was called for

the year 1891 and remained until early in the year 1893. C. J. F. Anderson, a student at the Thompson Academy, was asked to preach until the end of the school term. Rev. W. A. Smith was called to complete the year 1893, for a salary of $35.00. Rev. C. J. F. Anderson was called as pastor of the church for the year 1894.

1. Rev. James Brantley Richardson
(See Presbytery)

2. Rev. William Thomas (W. T.) Jones
(1855 - 1899)

Rev. W. T. Jones was born in Wilmington, North Carolina, September 26, 1855, and was baptized at an early age into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Wilmington. He attended Wake Forest College and graduated in 1879. While a student there, he was impressed with a call to the ministry, and from there he enrolled in the Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He attended the sessions of 1880 and 1881. He was ordained by a Presbytery called by his home church in Wilmington. While a student, he preached at various places in North Carolina, among them the Baptist Church in Wilmington. His first pastorate was in Morehead City where he spent two years, and then moved to Charles City, Virginia for one year. He spent the next year in Hereford, Maryland, and then moved to Cumberland, Maryland for the years 1889 and 1891. It was from this church that he was called to the First Baptist Church in Siler City. He pastored the church for about 26 months. From Siler City he went to Goldsboro, North Carolina; thence to Charles City, Virginia; and to Laurel Hill, Virginia.

On November 4, 1885, in New Bern, North Carolina, he was married to Addie A. Howerton, daughter of the late Dr. W. H. Howerton. There were no children.

Rev. W. T. Jones died suddenly at the age of 43 while he was pastor of the Baptist Church in Laurel Hill, Virginia.

3. Rev. William Alonzo (W. A.) Smith
(1866 - 1923)

Rev. W. A. Smith was born in Durham, North Carolina, October 19, 1866. He was a student at the Thompson School Academy in Siler City. He graduated from Wake Forest College with the B. A. degree in 1893 and attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville during the session of 1897-1898. His work as pastor began in 1890 with Emmaus Baptist Church in the Sandy Creek Association, which was his home church. He had been ordained to preach in this church in October of 1889. He served this church for five years and, during this time, he was called and served our church for about six months.

Rev. W. A. Smith was married to Mary S. Cheek of Chatham County, and they were the parents of three sons: W. Grady Smith, Wallace A. Smith, and Brady Smith. Rev. W. A. Smith died November 8, 1923, three weeks after he became ill while conducting a revival service.

Rev. W. A. Smith

Rev. C. J. F. Anderson

4. Rev. Charles James Fox (C.J.F.) Anderson

Rev. C. J. F. Anderson was born in Laurel Grove, Pittsylvania County, Virginia May 6, 1873. He came to Siler City as a student at the Thompson Military Academy, and in the Spring of 1892 was invited to preach on the fourth Sunday of each month while he was in school. He was licensed to preach by Laurel Grove Baptist Church and was ordained in 1893 by Cool Springs Baptist Church. During 1892-1893, he was a student pastor at Jonesboro and Cool Springs. In 1893-1894, he was pastor for Carthage, Jonesboro, Aberdeen, Bethlehem, and First Baptist of Siler City, North Carolina.

Rev. C. J. F. Anderson was an alumnus of Wake Forest College, Kentucky School of Medicine, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. In 1900-1904, he served as a Southern Baptist Missionary to Italy. After returning to the United States, he practiced medicine in Louisville, Kentucky and in Virginia.

Elected Responsibilities

During the organizational meeting, J. J. Crutchfield was elected church clerk and remained in the position until his death. In the next meeting, A. C. Jordan was elected church treasurer, and in the same meeting, the following were elected as trustees to find and hold the title of church property on which to build a church building:

William Lane Hudson
John Jessie Crutchfield
G. W. Womble
David Reid Sears
William Alexander Teague

On August 18, 1889, D. L. Webster was appointed financial agent for the pastor's salary and church expenses. The first deacons of the church were elected, A. W. Wilson and W. L. Hudson. A. C. Jordan, W. L. Hudson and J. J. Crutchfield were appointed delegates to the next session of the Sandy Creek Association to bear a petition for our church to be admitted to the Sandy Creek Association. On October 3, 1889, this petition was presented to the Association and referred to Revs. S. Gilmore, O. T. Edwards, and J. I. Morris who reported favorably and recommended that the newly constituted church at Siler City be received. This motion was adopted, and the right hand of fellowship was extended to her delegates.

During the second conference on May 19, 1889, a committee of D. R. Sears, W. A. Teague and D. L. Webster was appointed to draft rules and regulations for the operation of our church. Their recommendation was to accept the rules and regulations known and published in the church member's manual generally used in all North Carolina Baptist Churches.

D. L. Webster and J. J. Crutchfield were elected new deacons in 1892 to serve with W. L. Hudson.

Delegates to the Sandy Creek Association for the first five years were:

YEAR	MESSENGERS
1890	A. C. Jordan, A. W. Wilson, W. A. Teague
1891	W. L. Hudson, D. L. Webster, A. C. Jordan
1892	W. L. Hudson, J. M. Hudson, J. J. Crutchfield
1893	D. L. Webster, W. A. Teague, J. J. Crutchfield
1894	D. L. Webster, A. W. Jordan, W. A. Teague

Church Building

A deed was made on the 17th day of March 1890 to the trustees of the church by William and Margaret Cheek Matthews and Adolphus C. and Cattie Matthews Jordan for a cost of $150.00. The lot was located on the southeast corner of Chatham Avenue and West Fourth Street and was approximately 200 ft. by 100 ft. The deed was registered September 14, 1891 and recorded CH.

The church members had hoped to have their church building closed in by the winter of the first year, but this was not to be. Logs and lumber were purchased, but not enough to start the building. More material was purchased in January of 1890, and the building was started in the spring. By summer, the first coat of paint had been put on. In the Spring of 1891, arrangements were made to purchase more lumber in order to finish the church, and in July of 1893, $100.00 was raised to finish the ceiling of the church. In 1894, $20.00 was raised to place lamps in the church.

From at least two sources, one item in the minutes and the other from Mrs. Tracey Buckner, it appeared that James Merritt Hudson, a brother to William Lane Hudson, was the designer, supervisor, and carpenter for the church building. Mrs. Buckner stated: "It was the best designed and structured building for its time in Siler City". The church floor was inclined from front to back.

Sunday School

The church voted to organize a Sabbath School on January 18, 1890. This was an outgrowth of a local interdenominational Sunday School formed as many families were moving in after the completion of the railroad through Matthews Crossroads in 1884. This Sunday School was begun early in 1885 with J. B. Guthrie as superintendent. This group met at a brush arbor next to Mr. Guthrie's house or, in cold weather, the group met in a tobacco warehouse. Often, visiting ministers from various denominations would preach for the Sunday School—at other times, lay people would teach a Sunday School lesson. It seemed that there was no class structure and everyone met in the same group. The Methodists left in 1886, to establish their own church.

As the First Baptist Church began, the numbers were small, and it appeared that D. L. Webster took the lead, directed and taught the Sunday School. He could be considered the first Sunday School superintendent.

Lord's Supper

On April 12, 1891, the church voted to observe the Lord's Supper twice a year, in June and December.

Missions

Being a missionary church, small in number, and struggling to build a church building, the church had a very limited mission organization. As requests came, members of the congregation were appointed to collect funds for certain mission projects. Some of these collections were:

Orphanage	$3.40
Home Missions	2.16
House of Worship at Havanna	1.75
Home Missions	1.50
Associational Missions	1.75
Associational Missions	.75

All activities in this period appeared to be congregational efforts and not yet an organizational mission group effort.

Music

In the organizational meeting, the singing was led by A. W. Wilson, a vocal and instrumental professor in the Thompson School Academy. No instrument was used at first, but probably they were soon using one from the school. A. W. Wilson was appointed to review hymnals and select one for use in the church. On February 14, 1892, it was reported that the first hymnals had been received.

First Baptist Church
c. 1894 - 1930

Physical Growth

Once the church congregation had begun services in their new church building, there was a need to complete several projects. W. A. Teague was elected to raise the money and see to the underpinning of the church. This apparently was a struggle, since several months later D. L. Webster and A. W. Jordan were appointed to help him solicit the money to complete the payment for the project. In 1898, Rev. J. A. Hackney, D. L. Webster, and W. A. Teague were elected to complete the work inside the church and paint the outside of the church. Work on this would begin as soon as the money was collected and in the hands of the secretary.

In 1907, a committee composed of Dr. J. D. Edwards, D. L. Webster, W. A. Teague, M. J. Boling, and C. N. Bray was appointed to erect a baptistery and dressing rooms in the church and to consider the possibility of building a parsonage. A recommendation from this committee was submitted which proposed an annex to the church consisting of two Sunday School rooms, with the baptistery and dressing rooms built between them. This was approved by the church, and the project was soon completed. The church also approved a committee search for a parsonage site.

On December 16, 1908, a deed was granted by Cattie Matthews Jordan, party of the first part, to the trustees of the First Baptist Church and their successors, parties of the second part, at a price of $75.00. The trustees were D. R. Sears, J. C. Lane, W. A. Teague, R. O. Welch, and W. R. Gilbert. This plot ran eastward 210 feet on North Second Avenue, then 70 feet southward, then 210 feet westward to North Second Avenue, and then along North Second Avenue 70 feet to the corner of North Second Avenue and North Second Street, containing one-third of an

acre, more or less. This plot was bought for a parsonage, but later became the location for our sanctuary today.

On August 17, 1911, M. J. Boling proposed that a number of members of the church purchase Mr. Phil Siler's homeplace, and that Mr. Siler hold the place until the members could pay for it. By the end of August, the purchase of the house and two lots from Mr. Siler had been made. Mr. Siler was to put on two coats of paint, and the church would buy the paint. This house would become the parsonage.

In 1911, a deed was granted by Phil S. and Emma Siler, parties of the first part, to the trustees, R. H. Dixon, J. D. Edwards, and C. N. Bray, parties of the second part, for a money transaction of $10 and for other good and valuable considerations. The deed or the church minutes do not indicate what these considerations might have been. This plot was 140 feet by 210 feet joining the property bought in 1908, making, then, a total plot of 210 feet by 210 feet.

On May 30, 1912, R. H. Dixon made a motion and it was carried by the church to build a Sunday School room under the annex of the church. This annex had been built across the back of the church. J. N. Turner and J. D. Edwards were appointed to supervise the construction, and Mrs. D. L. Webster was elected special treasurer for this committee.

Soon after the Sunday School room was built under the annex, a Sunday School room was built to the left rear of the church for the Philathea class. This room had an outside entrance. Mrs. Margaret Williams remembered M. J. Boling, the Sunday School superintendent, standing at the door each Sunday morning, welcoming members of the class.

In the early 1920's, a Sunday School room was built away from the church on the northwest corner of the church property. This was a new room for the Baraca Sunday School class. After this church and church property were sold to Boling Chair Company, this room became a general sales store.

Curtains were added to the sanctuary of the church to separate additional Sunday School classes as the membership grew. These conditions prevailed until late in the 1920's. The church members, having outgrown their space, began to look forward and pray for a new church building, which became a reality in 1930.

Church Membership Growth

Beginning with a membership of ten in 1889, the church membership grew to 29 about the time the move was made to the new wooden church. The membership increased to 71 by 1900. For the remainder of this time period, membership totals are shown for five year intervals:

Year	Total Church Membership
1905	88
1910	192
1915	215
1920	213
1925	288
1930	307

During this time period, most of the church growth was a result of baptisms. Two hundred and forty-eight baptisms had been performed from 1894 to 1930. The outstanding years were:

Year	Number of Baptisms
1922	29
1910	24
1902	21
1911	21
1915	15

The last baptismal service in the wooden church was held on June 16, 1929. Our present church members who were baptized in that service were:

Ruby Eubanks (Baldwin)
Lafayette Wrenn
Barbara Thomas (Wrenn)
R. F. Paschal, Jr.

Financial Growth

The following table shows the financial growth for our church during the stay in the first church building. Three years have been selected to show this growth.

Item	Years		
	1905	1915	1925
Pastor's Salary	$200.00	350.00	1,300.00
Incidentals	19.00	197.00	150.00
Ministerial Help	6.00	8.00	105.00
Building and Repair	—	—	800.00
Sunday School	—	74.00	300.00
State Missions	14.50	65.00	)
Foreign Missions	28.00	83.50	110.00
Home Missions	18.75	53.00	)
Minute Fund	1.25	2.50	—
The Poor	—	10.00	12.30
Old Ministers Relief	2.00	5.00	—
Orphanage	24.33	79.69	140.00
Cooperative Program	—	—	852.43
Other Objects	—	34.95	101.90
Totals	313.83	962.64	3,871.63

Sunday School

D. L. Webster appeared to have been the first leader in the Sunday School, but an official Sunday School superintendent was not elected until January 10, 1909. This superintendent was R. H. Dixon, and his assistant was M. J. Boling.

Conversations with Tracey Dixon Buckner, who attended Sunday School and church at First Baptist from 1901-1913, provided these impressions: she could still remember D. L. Webster kneeling on the floor and leading in prayer before the Sunday School each Sunday morning, and she could remember two classes, the Baraca Class for the men and boys taught by R. H. Dixon and the Philathea Class for the women and girls taught by Mrs. Alice Vestal Wrenn.

The Sunday School superintendents for the time in the first church were:

Superintendent	Years
D. L. Webster	1889 - 1908
R. H. Dixon	1909 - 1911
M. J. Boling	1912 - 1917
R. H. Dixon	1918 - 1919
R. O. Welch	1920 - 1924
J. Q. Seawell	1925 - 1929

By 1911 the Sunday School was divided into eight classes which were numbered one through eight with some of these classes taking on names. The organization for that year was:

Superintendent	R. H. Dixon
Assistant Superintendent	M. J. Boling
Secretary	E. H. Jordan
Treasurer	E. H. Jordan

Class Number	Class Name	Teacher
1		Mrs. G. E. Matthews
2		Mrs. E. H. Jordan
3	Junior Baraca	M. J. Boling
4		Miss Mary Smith
5	Philathea	Mrs. Alice Vestal Wren
6	Baraca #2	Mrs. W. T. Dorsett
7	Baraca #1	D. L. Webster
8		W. H. Edwards

The first Sunday School report to the Association was made in 1898 with an enrollment of six teachers and officers and 60 scholars. By 1910, the report showed an enrollment of 12 teachers and officers with 163 scholars and an average attendance of 81. For the next 10 years, the report remained about the same. By 1925 the Sunday School was divided into departments and the report for that year shows:

Departments	Number Enrolled
Officers and Teachers	12
Beginners 3 - 5 yrs.	30
Primary 6 - 8 yrs.	40
Juniors 9 - 12 yrs.	50
Intermediates 13 - 16 yrs.	30
Adults 17 yrs. and up	100
Total	262

For the last year in the wooden church, 1929, the Sunday School had added three new departments: Young People, Cradle Roll, and Home Department. The enrollment for that year was 419 with an average attendance of 200.

The Sunday School teachers and officers for that year were:

Superintendent	J. L. Duncan
Assistant Superintendent	L. P. Dixon
Secretary	W. L. Vann
Assistant Secretary	R. E. Upchurch

Adult Department

Baraca Class:	
Teacher	R. F. Paschal
Assistant Teacher	C. R. Elkins
T. E. L. Class:	
(T. E. L. — Timothy, Eunice, Lois)	
Teacher	Mrs. Helen Whitley
Assistant Teacher	Mrs. Lula Elmore
Bible Class:	
Teacher	J. B. Whitley
Assistant Teacher	W. C. Teague
Philathea Class:	
Teacher	Mrs. J. C. Canipe
Assistant Teacher	Mrs. J. C. Cheek
Philathea Class #2:	
Teacher	Mrs. C. L. Brower
Assistant Teacher	Mrs. R. O. Welch

Intermediate Department

Young Men's Junior Baraca	
Teacher	C. N. Bray
Assistant Teacher	J. C. Cheek
Intermediate Girls #1	
Teacher	Miss Ora Belle Pace
Assistant Teacher	Miss Forna Cheek
Intermediate Girls #2	
Teacher	Miss Annie Murchison
Assistant Teacher	Miss Pearl Garner

Junior Department

Bright Jewel:	
Teacher	Mrs. Colin Churchill
Assistant Teacher	Miss Julia Campbell
Busy Bee:	
Teacher	Mrs. R. C. Gyles
Assistant Teacher	Mrs. C. B. Thomas
Junior Boys 9 and 10 yr. olds:	
Teacher	L. P. Dixon
Assistant Teacher	A. H. Jones
Junior Boys 11 and 12 yr. olds:	
Teacher	J. A. Dark
Assistant Teacher	C. B. Thomas
Scout Class:	
Teacher	Herman Kennedy
Assistant Teacher	C. L. Brower

Primary Department

Superintendent	Mrs. W. C. Teague
Assistant Superintendent	Miss Pauline Jordan
Secretary	Mrs. Charles Gamble
Organist	Miss Edna Teague
Eight Year Old Class:	
Teachers	Miss Evelyn Marsh
	Miss Pauline Jordan
Seven Year Old Class:	
Teachers	Miss Gretchen Cheek
	Miss Annie Lois Williams
Six Year Old Class:	
Teachers	Mrs. W. C. Thomas
	Miss Virginia Lane

Beginners Department

Superintendent	Mrs. L. P. Dixon
Secretary	Miss Elizabeth Clark
Teachers:	Mrs. W. E. Sharp
	Mrs. J. S. Dorsett
	Mrs. Herman Kennedy
	Mrs. Vernon Siler

Cradle Roll Department

Superintendent	Mrs. C. N. Bray
Assistant	Mrs. G. V. Williams
Assistant	Miss Nathalia Bray

Ministers

The ministers who pastored our church during the 1895 through 1926 period were 12 in number. Through this period of time, ministers appeared to be more evangelistic than pastoral. They served in church circuits containing two to five churches. Most of the time our church was included in the Siler City, Sanford, or Carthage Circuit.

In September of 1919, our church voted to have preaching two Sundays a month — both morning and evening, first and third Sundays, and a second Sunday evening service, and on the fourth Sunday evening, if requested. The salary to be paid to the minister was $750.

The service years of each minister are rounded off. Many times a minister resigned, and it was sometimes several months before the next one was called. Visiting and local ministers would fill in for these times.

Name	Years Served
Rev. K. C. Horner	1895 - 1899
Rev. G. L. Finch	1899 - 1901
Rev. C. A. G. Thomas	1901 - 1902
Rev. R. D. Haymore	1902 - 1903
Rev. G. J. Howell	1903 - 1907
Rev. R. H. Herring	1907 - 1909
Rev. James R. Edwards	1909 -1910
Rev. Berder Townsend	1910 -1914
Rev. George E. Spruill	1914 - 1917
Rev. A. T. Howell	1917 - 1918
Rev. R. S. Fountain	1921 - 1926

Rev. Kenneth Cassidy Horner
1864 - 1931

Rev. K. C. Horner

Kenneth Cassidy Horner was born in Hemp, Moore County, the son of William Thomas Horner and Clarkey Ann Cockman Horner. His parents were rather poor farmers and were not able to help financially in educating their son. He taught a short session of school and then attended school until he had enough education and money to enter college. While he was attending Wake Forest College, he was called to preach at Peace Chapel Church in 1892. This church was located between Kittrell and Oxford, North Carolina.

Rev. K. C. Horner was ordained to the ministry by Revs. W. A. Smith and W. A. Barrett at Peace Chapel on the fourth Sunday in March 1892. He pastored there one year and then moved to the Sandy Creek Association to serve pastorates at Flint Hill, Bethlehem, Friendship, Siler City, Cool Springs, Rives Chapel, Bethany, and Fall Creek Churches. From 1903-1906, he pastored in the Montgomery Baptist Association, 1907-1908 in the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association. Returning to the Sandy Creek Association, he pastored at Bear Creek, Bethany, Bennett, Bonlee, Tyson's Creek and Gum Spring Churches from 1913-1917. He ministered in the Mount Zion Baptist Association for two years. He moved to Gatesville, North Carolina and pastored at Gatesville, Hobbsville, Sandy Cross and Middleswamp Churches from 1919 until 1930.

Rev. K. C. Horner married Luola Arnette of Rockingham in 1893. They were the parents of four children: Blanche Horner Williams; semi-retired Judge Fentress Horner, residing in Cary, North Carolina; Ruby Mills Horner Howard, residing in Chapel Hill, North Carolina; and Kenneth Carlyle Horner.

Rev. Gilbert Lafayette Finch
1864 - 1906

G. L. Finch was born in Ringwood, Halifax County, North Carolina. He was the son of William C. Finch and a nephew of Revs. J. J. Finch and G. M. L. Finch, who, from 1835-1864 were prominent among the Baptist preachers of the State.

Due to impaired health, G. L. Finch was compelled to leave Wake Forest College in his junior year. For about 20 years, although feeble in body, he labored faithfully and successfully in the ministry.

He was licensed to preach in May 1886, by Yadkin Valley Church, and was ordained in September 1888, by Bear Swamp Church in the Tar River Association.

In 1888, he was a missionary in the Tar River Association at Pactolus and other points. His Tar River pastorates were Williams and Hamilton. He also did considerable evangelistic work in the Association.

In addition to his Tar River work, he was pastor at LaGrange, Snow Hill, Second Church Goldsboro, Biltmore, Carthage, Sanford and Siler City, North Carolina. Several of these churches were served simultaneously. He also ministered at Pulaski City, Virginia. His last pastorate was at New Brooklin, South Carolina.

Retiring from the pastorate due to ill health, he represented the P. C. Collier Publishing Company in South Carolina and Georgia, and made a fine record as a book agent. After three years he gave up all work and he died at the home of a sister, Mrs. Ed D. Washburn of West Virginia.

Rev. G. L. Finch was married to Ida Barnes in 1895. She was the daughter of J. B. Barnes of Wilmington, North Carolina. There were no children.

Rev. Charles Alexander Gard Thomas
1857 - 1925

Rev. C. A. G. Thomas

Charles A. G. Thomas was born March 7, 1857, in Portsmouth, Virginia. He was a student at Roanoke College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, licensed to preach December 6, 1878, and ordained to the gospel ministry June 17, 1880, by Court Street Church in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Rev. Thomas did supply work in Maryland and Virginia from 1880-1882. He came to North Carolina in 1883 and ministered at Hartford, Washington and Warrenton in 1883 and 1884. Next, he went to Newport News, Virginia in 1885, then to Wake County, North Carolina in 1886 and 1887, and on to Caswell County, North Carolina in 1887 and 1888. He was in Elizabeth City, North Carolina in 1889-1892; in Greensboro from 1892-1895; and in Fayetteville, North Carolina for a few years before coming to Siler City, North Carolina in 1901 and 1902. After Siler City, he went to Salisbury, North

Carolina where he served his longest pastorate.

On July 30, 1884, Rev. Thomas married Vera McCaw of Warrenton, North Carolina, and they had one son, Hunter M. Thomas. Mrs. Vera Thomas died soon after the birth of their son, and Rev. Thomas remarried in 1889 to Hallie R. Thomas, and they were the parents of four sons: J. B. Thomas, P. J. Thomas, R. V. Thomas and J. H. Thomas.

Rev. Thomas wrote extensively and was a regular contributor to Charity and Children, North Carolina Baptist, and to the Biblical Recorder.

He was State Chaplain for the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, a member of the Odd Fellows Club, the Knights of Pythias, and the Masonic Order.

Rev. Robert Daniel Haymore
1840 - 1909

Rev. R. D. Haymore

Robert D. Haymore was born in the State of Virginia in 1840. In early life, he did not have opportunities for the larger educational preparation, but he had educated himself quite well. He had some knowledge of Greek and his library was rich in English classics. He was a student of Rev. L. H. Shook about the time of the Civil War.

Rev. Haymore married Charlotte A. Reid of Virginia, and of this union four sons were born, namely: Nathan Haymore, Robert Haymore, Jerman Haymore, and Nicholas Haymore.

His work in Virginia was given to churches in the Roanoke and Blue Ridge Associations, then known as Goodson and Bristol. A part of his time in Virginia was spent as a missionary of the State Mission Board. He traveled long distances and preached in school houses and brush arbors.

After his pastorate at Bristol, he accepted a call at Chattanooga, Tennessee and was there about seven years. It was said of him that he did his most effective work here.

Rev. Haymore bought a farm a mile out from Mount Airy and erected a beautiful residence near the countryside where he was reared. He ministered to the church at Mount Airy and responded to evangelistic calls. He soon accepted only evangelistic calls, and it was during this period that he accepted a call to the First Baptist Church in Siler City for one year.

Rev. George J. Dowell

Rev. George J. Dowell
1848 - 1936

George J. Dowell was born at Snow Hill, Greene County, North Carolina, January 5, 1848. He was the oldest son of Professor Albert H. and Rosina Dowell, who came to North Carolina from Alexandria, Virginia. His parents spent their entire lives teaching. Professor Dowell taught at Snow Hill, Holly Springs, and Asbury churches, and at the close of the Civil War was teaching in a Raleigh, North Carolina school for boys, where George J. Dowell was educated by his father. George Dowell's academic course was ended at the age of 14 due to the disastrous conditions of the war.

He then went to work as a rodman on the Chatham Railroad for H. A. Brown, civil engineer.

When about 15 years of age, George Dowell joined the church at Ephesus in Wake County and was baptized by Rev. A. D. Blackwood. A few years later, he heard Rev. A. B. Earle preach in Raleigh and became impressed with his duty to preach the gospel. Later he moved to Sanford, North Carolina and united with the Jonesboro Baptist Church. He was licensed to preach in the Spring of 1874 and, on the third Sunday in the same year, was ordained into the ministry of Jonesboro.

After eight years ministering to several churches, he was called to Mount Moriah and Hepzibah churches, and became the first minister in the Raleigh Association to devote all of his time to two churches.

He moved into the Tar River Association, locating at Hamilton December 2, 1885, becoming missionary pastor at Williamston and Hamilton. He organized the church at Bethel. In 1893, he became pastor of the second Baptist in Durham, remaining until 1898. He then returned to the Sanford circuit and pastored our church from 1903 - 1907.

Rev. Dowell laid a good foundation for our church and was a missionary at heart, going to the places he felt he could do the most good. One who knew him well said, "Brother Dowell was too modest to appreciate his own true worth. Though he occupied some important pulpits, much of his ministry of half a century was spent on the mission fields, where the work was hard and the remuneration small."

Rev. Dowell first married Stella Eatmon of Asbury, North Carolina and they had one son. After her death, Rev. Dowell married Fannie Yates of Cary, North Carolina. Rev. Dowell died at his home in Raleigh at the age 88, just one year after celebrating his 50 years of marriage to Miss Fannie Yates. Rev. Dowell was survived by his wife and eight children, namely, Mrs. R. C. Coburn, George J. Dowell, Jr., Mrs. Roland Beasley, Mrs. M. C. Jenkins, Miss Pattie S. Dowell, Dr. Speight Dowell, Yates Dowell, and W. B. Dowell.

Rev. Robert Hughes Herring
1871 - 1954

Rev. R. H. Herring

Robert Hughes Herring was born near Mount Airy in Surry County, North Carolina, on January 10, 1871. He attended Mount Airy High School, Pinnacle Academy in Pilot Mountain, and Wake Forest College for three years. Rev. R. H. Herring was licensed to preach in May 1894, at Antioch Baptist Church and was ordained at Halifax, North Carolina, October 1887.

His first pastorate was a circuit of churches composed of Tillery, Dawson, Halifax, Bear Swamp and later of Washington, all in the Tar River Association. Pastorates in Wilmington, Albemarle, Concord, and Siler City followed. After leaving Siler City, he became an evangelist for the Neuse-Atlanta Association. In 1913, he accepted an invitation to minster churches in Rutherfordton, Round Hill and Mount Vernon. During this ministry, he also served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Round Hill Academy. He pastored in Waynesville from 1921-1923 and then returned to the Piedmont and Eastern Carolina and continued until he had completed more than 60 years in the ministry.

Rev. R. H. Herring was first married to Elizabeth Cranford who died June 18, 1900. He then married Annie Batson while he was with the Wilmington church. They had three children and; after Annie's death, Rev. Herring married Nellie Smith of Forest City, and they had one daughter. Rev. R. H. Herring's children were: Mrs. Merle Showalter, Annie Mildred Herring, Dr. Edward H. Herring, and Robert Hughes Herring, Jr.

Rev. Herring died July 24, 1954 in Zebulon, North Carolina.

Rev. James Romulus Edwards
1862 - 1945

James R. Edwards was born near Moon's Chapel Church on June 16, 1962 and was the youngest child and son of James Romulus, Sr. and Gracey Teal Edwards. His oldest brother was Rev. Oren Teal Edwards who ministered in many churches in the Sandy Creek Association.

He was educated at Mount Vernon Springs Academy, Wake Forest College, and Colgate University, receiving his Bachelor of Arts in 1894 and his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1897, both from Colgate University. In 1942, Rev. J. R. Edwards received the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters from Mercer University, awarded at the hand of Dr. Spright Dowell, former President of Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Rev. J. R. Edwards

Dr. Edwards was ordained as a minister in 1897 in Norwich, New York, where he served his first pastorate. From 1897 to 1908, he served pastorates in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D. C. During 1907-1908, while in Washington, he also served as Chaplain to Saint Elizabeth's Hospital.

Returning to North Carolina in 1908, Dr. Edwards served the Sanford circuit consisting of five churches, one of those being the First Baptist Church of Siler City. While here, he developed a keen interest in Associational missions which he carried through life.

His next call was to the ministry of Ruhama Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama for three years, and then to teach Bible at Howard College for two years. From there, he was called to the Baptist Church in Mullins, South Carolina. He met and married the former Martha Hudson of Smithfield, North Carolina during his ministry at Mullins Baptist Church. From 1919 to 1926, he ministered to churches in Richmond and Marion,

Virginia before moving to Auburn, Alabama. The Edwards had one son, James Hudson Edwards, born November 9, 1928, who now lives in San Jose, California.

Dr. Edwards accepted a call to the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Alabama in 1926, serving there until his death February 23, 1945. The history of Auburn Baptist Church states that under Dr. Edwards' leadership, the church made its greatest progress in the history of the church. The growing student body of Auburn afforded him a boundless opportunity for the exercise of his rich spiritual gifts, and thousands of young men and women went out from Auburn to places of leadership due to their contact with this great spiritual leader.

Dr. J. R. Edwards is remembered as a man, stately and dignified in appearance, scholarly and somewhat formal in his pulpit, but not without an appropriate sense of humor. This was so evident in Dr. Edwards' dealing with one of the many problems, that manifests itself in many congregations. When Dr. Edwards came to our church, he found the choir engaged in a standing quarrel over where to place the organ. They could not agree on whether the choir members should sit in front or behind the organ. They asked Dr. Edwards to give his view on the question, each party expecting him to take their side. He complied: he told them that they might put the organ upstairs or downstairs, in the front or back of the church, on the left or right side, its back toward the pulpit or away from pulpit, or in other direction, the choir could sit in front or behind the organ, and it would be all right with him. In any case, it would not interfere with his sermon no matter where the organ was placed. The humor was contagious and the choir left off quarreling, but someway the organ was nailed down so it could not be moved again.

Rev. Berder Townsend

Rev. Berder Townsend
1876 - 1938

Berder Townsend was born June 21, 1876 and was the son of William Townsend and Ada Prevatt Townsend. He was educated at Buies Creek Academy and attended Wake Forest College from 1902-1904. He was ordained to the ministry by Ten Mile Church in Robeson County in 1900. After completing his work at Wake Forest College, he went to the Broadway Baptist Church. While there, he married Lenora White Thomas. He then came to the First Baptist Church in Siler City, remaining four years, on to Raeford Baptist Church where he spent six years. He ministered at Selma after Raeford, and then he served as an evangelist with the State Baptist Mission Board for several years. During part of his years of service, he served as a trustee of Buies Creek Academy.

Rev. and Mrs. Townsend were the parents of four children: Ora Mae Townsend Hardwick, Carlyle Townsend, Ruth Townsend Morris, and Joyce Townsend Faw.

Rev. George E. Spurill

Rev. George E. Spruill

George E. Spruill grew up in eastern North Carolina, attended Wake Forest College, graduating in 1900. He probably served churches in North Carolina after graduating, but by 1902, he was in Williamston, South Carolina. He was ministering the Baptist Church at Williamston, Shady Grove, and the Second Church of Belton. While ministering here, he married Lillie Olivia Moore on March 26, 1902. The wedding took place at her home in Greenville, North Carolina.

In 1903 Rev. Spruill was ministering the church at Shady Grove and the Second Church at Pelzar, South Carolina. From 1904 to 1906, he ministered a church at Fairfax and the Baptist Church at Brunsen, South Carolina. He left South Carolina in 1907, but returned to Brunsen in 1908 for two years. Sometime before coming in 1914 to the circuit including our church, Rev. Spruill was ministering churches in West Virginia.

In 1905, Rev. and Mrs. Spruill lost their first child at the age of six months. They had at least one other child, because when they left Siler City, Brownie Moore Spruill moved his membership with his parents.

Rev. Spruill was noted for his great evangelistic work, building up church memberships, and then moving on to new territory.

Rev. A. T. Howell, Sr.

Rev. Albert Thomas Howell, Sr.
1864 - 1946

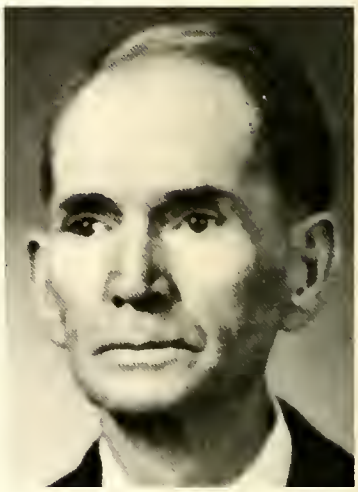
Albert Thomas Howell, Sr. was born October 5, 1864 in Eure, North Carolina. He was the son of Albert Thomas and Annie Eure Howell. His father was killed in the Civil War two months before his birth, and he was reared by his grandparents, Reverend Thomas and Julianne Umphlett. He studied in a private school in Gatesville, North Carolina and graduated from Gatesville High School with highest honors. He then matriculated in Reynoldson Male Institute and graduated at the head of his class. In the Fall of 1884, he entered Wake Forest College to study medicine and while a student there he received his call to the ministry. He graduated from Wake Forest College in 1888 with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Rev. Howell married Elizabeth Wescott Dosher of Southport, North Carolina on November 16, 1892. They were the parents of four children: Annie Dosher Howell King, Julia Frances Howell Gaddy, A. T. Howell, Jr., and Wilbur Gay Howell.

Rev. Howell held pastorates in Southport, Newton, and Greensboro, North Carolina. From 1909-1912, he was living in Murfreesboro, North Carolina and serving as Professor of Bible and Moral Science at Chowan College. From 1912 to 1916, he was ministering a church in Hamlet, North Carolina. His next pastorate was at our church for one year, moving on to Saluda, South Carolina. Other pastorates were Charles County and West Point, Virginia; Union and Aiken, South Carolina. At one time, he was a home missionary in the mountainous area of Virginia.

The last 25 years of his ministry were spent in the piedmont area of South Carolina. He was not only a pastor, but an evangelist and author. The following is a list of his writings: Dawn Of A New Day, Peter's Last Fishing Trip, Jonah's Trip To Tarsus, and The Second Coming. All of his writings had a religious theme.

Rev. Howell departed this life July 13, 1946 in Aiken, South Carolina.



Rev. W. O. Johnson

Rev. William Otis Johnson
1885 - 1959

William Otis Johnson was born December 7, 1885 at Saint Pauls, Robeson County, North Carolina. He was the son of Elias Gaston Johnson and Harriet Ann (Allen) Johnson, and his father was a farmer. He graduated from Buies Creek Academy, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wake Forest College and a Bachelor of Theology degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

W. O. Johnson was licensed to preach by the Great Marsh Baptist Church of Saint Pauls. On August 30, 1908, a Presbytery ordained him, setting him apart for the ministry.

He was a teacher and principal in the public schools from 1907 to 1921 and served as pastor of churches in the same period. He taught at Silk Hope School during World War I.

Other than Siler City, Rev. W. O. Johnson served pastorates in Greensboro, North Carolina, Richmond, Virginia; Cumberland Co., North Carolina; and at Wingate College, North Carolina.

On September 16, 1908, W. O. Johnson married Hattie Cornelia Poole of Bridgeport, North Carolina, and they were the parents of six children: Dr. Ralph P. Johnson, Eugene Paul Johnson, David R. Johnson, Dr. William Gaston Johnson, Mrs. James (Rachel Johnson) Wills, and Elizabeth Anne Johnson.

In 1935, Rev. W. O. Johnson retired from the pastorate due to failing health. He returned to his home church and community, working as a registered surveyor, serving as a clerk of the Robeson Association 1944-1948, serving as a supply pastor, and most of all working faithfully and accomplishing much in his home church. Rev. W. O. Johnson was author of two books of poems—Odes and Oddities, and Scraps O'Scrip.

Rev. R. S. Fountain

Rev. Richard Speight Fountain
1893 - 1941

Richard S. Fountain was born in August 8, 1893 in Tarboro, North Carolina, and was the son of Grigg M. T. Fountain and Sarah Bryon Fountain. He was a graduate of Wake Forest College and the Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He was ordained as a minister in Warren County, North Carolina March 30, 1913.

Rev. R. S. Fountain was married in 1917 to Lisha Coburn, and they were the parents of three children: Grigg Thompson Fountain, Mrs. Billy (Anna Fountain) Reid, and Richard Speight Fountain, Jr.

Other than the First Baptist Church of Siler City, Rev. Fountain served at least one other pastorate in Bishopville, South Carolina.

Deacons

The term deacon in the New Testament means minister or servant.

The duties of deacons include responsibility for the temporal affairs of the church, the pastoral care and counseling of sick needy members, and working with the pastor in implementing the general work of the church in both its material and spiritual areas.

Deacons should be elected from among men who have proved themselves faithful to Christ and the Christian calling in the ministry of the church.

Deacons in our church were first nominated by the minister or deacon board members and elected by the church as life-time deacons. Four deacons had been elected previously and three were serving as they entered their first church home. According to the minutes the following elections took place between 1895 and 1930.

Year	Deacons
1899	Dr. J. D. Edwards W. A. Teague
1908	A. W. Jordan M. J. Boling
1913	R. H. Dixon
1915	C. N. Bray J. C. Lane R. G. Edwards
1919	R. O. Welch C. L. Brower Fred Paschal
1930	E. H. Jordan C. B. Thomas J. L. Duncan C. R. Elkins J. A. Dark H. A. Richardson

Messengers to the Sandy Creek Association

Messengers are nominated by the church's nominating committee and elected by the church. Their responsibility is to carry reports to and from the Association and to be voting members on any issue brought before the convention.

The messengers elected by our church from 1895 to 1930 were:

1895	W. A. Teague, D. L. Webster, S. S. Smith
1896	W. A. Teague, D. L. Webster
1897	D. L. Webster, W. A. Teague, A. W. Jordan
1898	J. D. Edwards, A. M. Moore, D. L. Webster
1899	J. L. Griffin, C. N. Bray, W. T. Smith
1900	J. N. Peoples, D. L. Webster, J. L. Griffin
1901	C. N. Bray, J. W. Sears
1902	Claude Smith, J. L. Griffin, A. W. Jordan
1903	D. L. Webster, W. B. Gilmore, W. A. Teague
1904	J. C. Lane, C. N. Bray, S. S. Smith
1905	H. O. Vestal, J. C. Lane, T. F. Overman
1906	D. R. Sears, A. W. Jordan, C. N. Bray
1907	D. L. Webster, A. W. Jordan
1908	D. L. Webster, H. O. Vestal, T. F. Overman
1909	R. H. Dixon, M. J. Boling, L. S. Straughan
1910	James Sears
1911	W. A. Headen, R. H. Dixon, E. H. Jordan
1912	M. J. Boling, D. L. Webster, C. N. Bray
1913	E. H. Jordan, R. H. Dixon, Polk Webster
1914	M. J. Boling, R. H. Dixon, J.W. Webster
1915	W. A. Headen, J. C. Lane
1916	C. N. Bray
1917	R. H. Dixon, M. J. Boling, H. A. Richardson
1918	C. N. Bray, R. H. Dixon, J. Dan Dorsett
1919	C. N. Bray, J. Q. Seawell
1920	Rev. W. O. Johnson
1921	Miss Bessye Caviness, R. S. Lane, W. A. Headen, Mrs. C. L. Brower
1922	W. C. Teague, C. N. Bray, Mrs. R. H. Dixon
1923	V. M. Dorsett, W. A. Headen, Miss Bessye Caviness
1924	R. F. Paschal, E. H. Jordan, R. C. Rollins, Mrs. C. N. Bray Mrs. J. C. Cheek, Mrs. H. A. Richardson
1925	Mrs. T. A. Burns, Mrs. C. N. Bray, L. P. Dixon
1926	Mrs. J. C. Cheek, J. Q. Seawell, C. B. Thomas, V. M. Dorsett
1927	J. Q. Seawell, L. P. Dixon, Mrs. L. P. Dixon
1928	V. M. Dorsett, J. A. Dark, Mrs. J. A. Dark, J. C. Cheek, Mrs. J. C. Cheek, Mrs. J. C. Canipe
1929	V. M. Dorsett, J. A. Dark, Mrs. J. A. Dark, Mrs. J. C. Canipe

Trustees

It is the duty of the trustees to secure the proper legal protection of all property of the church. They also receive the quest to the church, if any shall be made, and administer such temporalities of the church as shall come into their hands, subject to the will and direction of the church.

Trustees are elected by the church for a life time unless they resign. On March 8, 1908, J. C. Lane, R. O. Welch, and W. R. Gilbert were elected to serve with D. R. Sears and W. A. Teague who were elected May 19, 1889.

On August 17, 1911, C. N. Bray and R. H. Dixon were elected to serve with J. C. Lane and February 1913 M. J. Boling and J. D. Edwards were elected to serve with C. N. Bray.

Church Treasurer

A church treasurer is one who is responsible for the general treasury of the church, approving expenditures and signing checks written by the church's financial secretary.

The first treasurer in this time frame of our church was W. A. Teague, who was elected on September 21, 1899. On May 8, 1904, H. O. Vestal was elected church treasurer and served until J. C. Lane was elected on January 1, 1914. J. C. Lane served until January 8, 1930 when L. P. Dixon was elected.

Church Clerk

A church clerk is responsible for recording all transactions in a church conference and filing them in such a way that they may be referred to at any time.

Most of the time in the early part of our church, conferences were held monthly at regular scheduled times unless cancelled for weather or lack of quorum.

J. J. Crutchfield served as our first church clerk until his death in 1897. W. A. Teague was elected clerk, serving until January 29, 1903 when S. S. Smith was elected. C. N. Bray was elected clerk and served through 1912. W. A. Headen became clerk in 1913 and held that position through 1929. J. W. Emerson, Jr. became church clerk in 1930.

Missions

The church continued subscribing money for missions and worked with groups beginning to organize, teaching members about missions and raising money for missionary activities.

As late as 1912, the church was appointing members to collect funds for foreign, home, and state missions, but this soon became the primary responsibility of the missionary groups organized.

In 1913, a motion was made by the church to pay $150 to the Judson Centennial to be paid $50 annually for three years. The Judson Centennial fund, started in 1912 by the Baptist Convention of Oklahoma, provided educational and general equipment used in foreign fields.

In 1927, the church voted to set a budget of $1,000 for missions.

The first mission organization recorded is that of the Sunbeam Society. The Sunbeam Society of Siler City performed the song service for the Sandy Creek Associational meeting on Sunday, September 22, 1894. It was not until 1898 that the Woman's Missionary Society reported any contributions to the Association. In 1902 the Woman's Missionary Society contributed $12.50 for the purchase of Baptist hymnals for the congregation while the church contributed a like sum. By 1905, the Woman's Missionary Society was reporting a total enrollment of 16 members.

The first Woman's Missionary Union President, Mrs. W. A. Headen, was elected in the year 1913-14. She served for two years. Her report for the first year was as follows:

Total enrollment of WMS	20 members	Y. W. A. Leader	Mrs. D. L. Webster
Total contributions of WMS	$366.99	Y. W. A. Membership	28 members
Sunbeam Leader	Miss Joyce Edwards	Y. W. A. Contribution	$73.00

During the period of the first church building the following ladies served as president of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Mrs. W. A. Headen	1913 - 1915	Mrs. W. C. Teague	1920 - 1923
Mrs. J. D. Edwards	1915 - 1916	Mrs. R. S. Fountain	1923 - 1924
Mrs. A. T. Howell	1916 - 1917	Mrs. T. A. Burns	1924 - 1925
Mrs. W. O. Johnson	1917 - 1919	Mrs. W. S. Edwards	1925 - 1927
Mrs. C. L. Brower	1919 - 1920	Mrs. J. Q. Seawell	1927 - 1929
		Mrs. W. C. Thomas	1929 - 1931

In 1928 the W. M. U. report was:

WMU Units	Office	Leader	Enrollment
1 WMS	President	Mrs. J. Q. Seawell	50
1 YWA	Counselor	Mrs. C. N. Bray	10
2 G. A.'s	Leader	Mrs. C. L. Brower	
	Leader	Mrs. R. C. Gyles	39
1 Sunbeam	Leader	Miss Annie Murchinson	32
		Gifts to local church work	$481.24
		Gifts to missions	337.42
		Total	$818.66

Outstanding projects carried out by the Woman's Missionary Society were:

1. In 1918, the Society subscribed $500 to the Educational Drive sponsored by the State Baptist Association. This donation was to be paid within four years.

2. In 1928, the Society cooperated with the Sunday School in conducting a Daily Vacation Bible School.

The Sunbeam Society, including pre-school children, was very active during this period. This group often performed before the church and occasionally for the Association. The leaders of the Sunbeams from 1894 to 1929 were Mrs. C. N. Bray, Mrs. Joyce Edwards Milliken, Mrs. W. C. Teague, Mrs. L. P. Dixon, Mrs. R. C. Gyles, and Miss Annie Murchison. Mrs. C. N. Bray served longer than all the others combined.

The Royal Ambassadors were organized in 1911 with 16 members. Mrs. C. N. Bray was their leader in 1918 and R. F. Paschal in 1924. Both led the group for several years although there are no records for certain years.

The Young Ladies Missionary Society (YLMS) was reported first in 1912 with a membership of 12. Mrs. D. L. Webster was listed as their leader in 1914 with a membership of 28, and Mrs. C. N. Bray was listed as their leader in 1927. The YLMS soon became the Young Woman's Association (YWA).

The G. A. 's, Girls' Auxiliary, was reported first in 1922 with a membership of 16. This organization included girls from the ages of six to twelve. Miss Joyce Edwards was leading this group in 1924. Mrs. C. L. Brower was their leader by 1927 and worked with them several years. Mrs. R. C. Gyles helped when the organization was divided into junior and intermediate G. A. 's.

Church Training

The forerunner of the Baptist Training Union was the Baptist Young People's Union (BYPU) first reported in our church in 1922. The organization was one senior group with 43 members led by the president, Miss Margaret Siler.

The purpose of the BYPU was to encourage Bible reading and provide leadership and speech training through study courses.

J. F. Marlow was the president of the BYPU in 1924. The total enrollment was 57 members and was divided into a senior and junior group.

In 1924, Miss Pauline Jordan was working with the senior group and Miss Emma Dark, the junior group. In 1925, the organization was divided into Seniors, Intermediates, and Juniors with Miss Grace Cockman, Miss Frances Dark, and Miss Marguerite Brower leading respectively. A total of 71 was enrolled.

Other leaders in this period were W. L. Vann, Miss Gretchen Cheek, Miss Annie Murchison, Mrs. J. C. Canipe, Mrs. C. N. Bray, Miss Fonna Cheek, and Mrs. Ralph Blair.

Special Gifts

On October 2, 1896, the church members expressed a note of thanks to Mrs. D. L. Webster for her kindness in presenting a beautiful altar Bible to the church.

In a special conference on November 20, 1913, the First Baptist Church of Siler City extended a note of thanks to W. T. Dorsett for a gift of $100, the same being a note held by his wife, given her by Rev. C. V. Brooks. Mr. Dorsett, knowing the true devotion of his beloved wife for the Baptist Church, felt impressed to give the amount in appreciation of her and her church.

Outgoing Missionary

On September 4, 1921, the conference moderator appointed a committee to write an instrument of recommendation for Nolan Coy Teague, a young minister of the gospel from our church, who was leaving for the Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Rev. Nolan Coy Teague
1899 -

Rev. N. C. Teague

Nolan Coy Teague was born in Chatham County, June 29, 1899, the oldest son of William Claude and Mary Jane (Teague) Teague. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Teague were very active members of our church, parents of eight children, and lived out their lives in our church.

N. Coy Teague was educated in the Siler City schools and entered Trinity College (now Duke University) and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1920. He was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa society at Trinity College.

In his second year of teaching seventh grade in Durham, North Carolina, Mr. Teague felt God's call to the ministry. He entered and graduated from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1924, receiving a Master of Theology degree. He was ordained to the gospel ministry at Temple Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina on May 24, 1924.

The Rev. N. Coy Teague married Moselle Breeze of Durham on September 18, 1924. They were the parents of three children: Mrs. Ruth Teague Vickers of Falls Mills, Virginia; Rev. W. Nolan Teague of Roanoke, Virginia; and J. Ned Teague of Morganton, North Carolina.

After entering the ministry in 1924, the Rev. Teague spent 41 years of continuous pastoral ministry to churches in northwestern North Carolina. He was pastor of Sparta, Liberty, and Chestnut Churches in Alleghany County and Wilkesboro, Roaring River, Cub Creek, and Traphill Churches in Wilkes County. He was pastor of Southside Church, Winston-Salem, 1930-1939; Reeds and Churchland Churches, Liberty Association, Davidson County, 1939-1949; Calvary Church, Rowan County, 1949-1954; and Pleasant Hill Church, Elkin, 1954-1965.

After retirement, Rev. and Mrs. Teague made their home in Moravian Falls, North Carolina, where he continued to be an interim pastor for several years. On January 6, 1977, Mrs. Teague passed away at the Baptist Retirement Home, and presently Rev. Teague lives there.

Music Program

The information concerning the music program is so sparse that no continuity can be seen in the years prior to 1930. Only the statements in the records can be brought out.

A. W. Wilson left the church in 1891. No song leader was listed before 1902 when Joseph John Jenkins and his first wife, the former Albra T. Pearson, were elected song leaders. Mrs. Jenkins was considered to be a very talented musician. She died a year later. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jenkins had come from Lystra Baptist Church near Chapel Hill in 1901. Mr. Jenkins was one of the founders of the Chatham bank.

In 1896, Miss Ollie Bradshaw (later Mrs. D. L. Webster) was elected organist. In 1899 Miss Eulalia Jordan (later Mrs. C. N. Bray) was elected organist and again in 1902. Miss Myrtle Teague (later Mrs. J. L. Carrick) was elected in 1903.

In 1909, M. J. Boling was elected manager of the choir.
Other people mentioned, no doubt, were involved with the music program:

Mrs. J. D. Edwards
Miss Clara Clapp
Mrs. H. A. Richardson
Mrs. C. L. Brower
Mrs. Lillian Gamble
Mrs. Herbert Andrew
Mrs. J. C. Cheek
Mrs. L. P. Dixon
Mrs. E. T. Noell
Miss Rettie Turner
Miss Eloise Bass
Miss Mary Moore Dorsett
J. C. Cheek
L. P. Dixon
J. A. Dark
J. B. Whitley
R. F. Paschal, Sr.

Mrs. J. Q. (Alma Dorsett) Seawell was considered to be an outstanding soloist.
From all indications the choir members were very talented and led by well-trained musicians.

Lord's Supper

In conference November 2, 1927, the church voted to observe the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday in each quarter. This schedule had been continued since that date.

B Y P U Group

W M U Mission Group

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SECOND CHURCH HOME

Chapter 4

Church Sanctuary 1930 -
Church Parsonage 1911- 1951

For sometime, the church members had been praying and hoping for a new church building. They had outgrown their present building and needed more Sunday School rooms as the congregation was growing rapidly.

Probably the most outstanding signal given to the members was a large offering amounting to $1,300 taken at the close of a revival, October 4, 1927.

On November 2, 1927, during a church conference, a motion was made, and duly seconded, that the congregation enter into a building program. Dr. J. D. Edwards was elected the general chairman, and Miss Mary Moore Dorsett was elected the general treasurer for the building program.

On January 11,1928, a planning committee was appointed including C. B. Thomas, chairman; J. D. Dorsett, Mrs. J. J. Jenkins, R. F. Paschal, Miss Bessye Caviness, and C. L. Brower. On February 19, 1928, various plans were reviewed and considered, and by March 28, 1928, they had decided and bought a set of plans for their new church. Harry Barton of Greensboro was chosen the architect for the new building.

Other committees were elected to work with the planning committee. The committees and their members were as follows:

Finance Committee
J. Q. Seawell, Chairman
W. A. Teague
L. P. Dixon
Dr. R. C. Gyles
W. Hugh Dixon
C. S. Ellis
E. H. Jordan
V. B. Elkins
C. N. Bray
R. O. Welch
W. S. Edwards
J. A. Dark

Construction Committee
V. M. Dorsett, Chairman
W. A. Headen
B. B. Bray
U. S. Blair
A. H. Jones
R. P. Smith
R. H. Dixon
A. J. Clapp
J. W. Turner
Dr. W. C. Thomas
R. S. Clark
C. R. Elkins
Palmer Dark

Equipment Committee
J. C. Lane, Chairman
J. B. Whitley
R. C. Upchurch
Mrs. J. F. Thomas

Miss Luta Headen
Mrs. R. C. Gyles
Mrs. C. L. Brower
H. A. Richardson
J. W. Emerson, Jr.
H. E. Kennedy
J. C. Cheek
Mrs. W. C. Teague
Guy Williams
Mrs. W. S. Edwards

G. Paul Phillips was given the contract for all woodwork of the church. He was the son-in-law of W. L. Hudson, charter member.

The first carload of brick had arrived on February 15, 1928, and the formal "ground breaking" on the new site occurred April 20, 1928. The pastor, with a group of members, met on the site. After prayer and a few talks, the song "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" was sung. The first shovel of dirt was thrown by the chairman of the Board of Deacons, R. H. Dixon.

On Monday, April 24, 1928, excavations for the new church had begun. R. S. Clark and his team had the contract. They soon ran into trouble with underground springs, and R. S. Clark turned his contract over to Will Marsh and his team. Much of the work had to be done with mattocks and shovels. Dirt pans pulled by mules were used. Lafayette Wrenn, as a young lad, worked with Will Marsh and drove a mule pulling one of the dirt pans.

A second free will offering was taken May 20, 1928, amounting to $1,150.

The contractors began pouring concrete on July 2, 1928, and the first brick was laid by B. B. Bray on July 16, 1928 at 1:45 P. M. beginning on the southwest corner of the church building. B. B. Bray had the contract for the brick construction of the church. Max Bray, son of B. B. Bray, worked with his father in carrying brick and mortar to the bricklayers, earning money to help defray expenses while attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

In a service on August 5, 1928, the members paused to reflect on the first anniversary of the Pastor, J. C. Canipe, and their accomplishments.

Quoting from the bulletin for that day: (excerpts written by Rev. J. C. Canipe and an unidentified member).

"Today we celebrate the first anniversary of the pastor, Rev. J. C. Canipe. God has signally blessed us during the past year. We should bow in thanks to God and take courage and march on to a greater future."

"Some soldier remarked to General Lee; 'We cannot fail with such a general as you,' and Lee replied, 'Look what wonderful people I have to lead.' Look what wonderful people I have to lead. I love them with a passionate devotion. You helped me make this record. God reward you for it."

"Faithfulness is what counts. Those who have been faithful in all services; who have given faithfully of their means to support the church; been faithful in prayer and Christian living; these are our dependable people. God bless and reward you as He has promised at the end— 'Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

On Sunday, December 15, 1928, the cornerstone of the new building was laid. Dr. Charles E. Maddry, General Secretary of North Carolina Board of Missions, delivered the speech. The cornerstone was given by Thomas J. Dark in honor of his mother, Mrs. Hassie Dark.

The new M. F. Moller pipe organ was built and installed by the M. P. Moller Organ Company, Hagerstown, Maryland. It was a gift of the Woman's Missionary Society and the Ladies Aid Society.

The mural in the baptistery was painted by Miss Marguerite Brower when she was only 13 years old. She had been a private art student with Mrs. Hardin from Liberty and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brower, life long members of our church.

The auditorium lights were a gift of Dr. W. C. Thomas.

The plain windows of the church were bought by:

Bruce and Sylvester McIver
Mrs. H. A. Richardson
Mrs. Geneva Dixon
C. L. Brower
H. A. Richardson
Mrs. H. E. Kennedy
Mrs. Joe Bray
Mrs. A. P. Smith
Mrs. A. H. Jones
Miss Luta Headen
Robert Lee Vann
Mrs. Walter Jones
Mrs. C. N. Bray
Palmer Dark
Mrs. Vernon Siler
Mrs. W. O. Carter
Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Gilliland
Hugh W. Dixon
C. R. Elkins
Miss Pauline Jordan
Mrs. Sallie E. Jordan
Mrs. Westly McMasters
Mrs. Clay Garvin
J. C. Canipe
Junior Boys Class
Bill Collins, Jr.
Jim Brooks
Fred Thomas
H. L. Johnson
Miss Bessye Caviness
Mrs. Ernest Moore
Mrs. Ralph Blair
Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Clark
Mrs. Lula Elmore
Mrs. J. A. Dark
L. P. Dixon
J. Wade Siler
D. S. Bellman
Charlie Dark
Mrs. Joe Sam Dorsett
Jack Justice
Miss Mary Edith Phillips
J. C. Hough
Miss Mattie Clapp
G. V. Williams
Mrs. Helen Whitley
Ladies Aid Society
Thomas J. Dark
Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cheek
J. T. Johnson
W. H. Rowland
J. L. Moody
Dr. W. C. Thomas
Harold Edwards
Miss Josephine Dorsett
Miss Blanche Justice
H. L. Terry
Miss Louise Clapp
Charlie Clapp
Mrs. G. V. Williams

J. Q. Seawell
R. S. Lane
J. W. Emerson, Sr.
R. S. Allred
Mrs. C. B. Thomas' Sunday School Class
Miss Mary Moore Dorsett
Wylie White

Miss Annie Clapp
Miss Grace Cockman
Mrs. Colin Churchill
Mrs. J. Will Wrenn
Mrs. R. C. Upchurch School Class
Miss Ora Bell Pace
W. M. Leonard

Memorial windows for a loved one have been placed in our church by family members. Some were bought as they were put in, but others have been bought later. Presently there are memorial windows for:

A. W. Jordan
V. M. Dorsett, Sr.
Mrs. Fanny Hackney Dorsett

Joseph J. Jenkins, Jr.
John D. Dorsett
J. Dan Dorsett

Miss Bessye Caviness
Mrs. W. T. Dorsett
D. L. Webster

C. D. Riddle
M. J. Boling
W. A. Teague

Free labor was given by:

R. C. Moffitt
Ralph Blair
A. H. Jones
Miss Annie Murchison
A. J. Clapp

U. S. Blair
W. H. Cheek
B. B. Buckner
C. S. Ellis
Sons of Paul Phillips

Paul Linky
Ernest Moore
R. S. Clark
J. A. Dark
Albert Dark
Billy Tillman

Clarence Jones
C. E. Clark
Willard Clark
Billy Dark
W. C. Teague

Other gifts to help equip the church were:

Hymn books by the Powell Circle of the Woman's Missionary Society.
Collection plates by Mr. and Mrs. Colie Gee.
Classrooms were equipped by the following gentlemen: F. J. Boling, W. A. Thomas, W. O. Jones, J. Wade Siler, Hugh W. Dixon. D. P. Jones, J. C. Lane of Greensboro, and T. B. Bledsoe of Greensboro and Baltimore, Maryland.
Desk and table for pastor's study by W. T. Powell and D. R. Parker of High Point.
Chairs for pastor's study by C. B. Thomas.
Complete primary units by W. S. Edwards and Joe Sam Dorsett.
One junior unit by Mrs. Colin Churchill.
Desk for beginner's department by Mrs. C. O. Small.
L. P. Dixon transacted all legal business during the building and financing of the church debts for several years.

Recorded deeds and gifts have been stated above. Many gifts, prayers, helping hands, and coins dropped in the offering plate, no doubt, were never recorded. God knows the true giving spirit of man. That's what counts!

The church elected Rev. J. C. Canipe to prepare a program for entering the new church building. Sunday morning, July 13, 1930, the congregation met at the old church and, led by Rev. J. C. Canipe and other church leaders, walked one block from the old church and entered their new church for Sunday School and church. Dr. Charles E. Maddry delivered the sermon for the first service. Rev. J. C. Canipe delivered the sermon for the evening service.

Fifteen months after construction had begun, the Great Depression of 1929 began and lasted for two years. Many people, who had money in the bank, lost it, and those who had notes with banks soon found that the banks would foreclose on their notes. If the note-holding person could not come up with cash, the bank would take up the mortgage. In this way, some of the members and contractors lost property.

On April 28, 1930, the church trustees signed a note with Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company of Greensboro, North Carolina in the amount of $20,000 for ten years. After struggling with small payments, there was a balance of $8,000 at the end of ten years.

The trustees were authorized, by the church, to execute a note in the sum of $8,000 with The Chatham Bank to pay the said indebtedness to Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company. The said note was to be paid $1,000 per year at the rate of six percent interest. The church raised $225 to pay the interest on the $8,000 owed to Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company without increasing the note with The Chatham Bank.

On August 24, 1930, the trustees signed a note for $1,500 to pay off The Page Trust Company. This note was signed with The Chatham Bank.

In each case, a mortgage on the real estate of the First Baptist Church was executed.

During the late thirties and early forties, the growth in membership increased rapidly, the economic conditions of our country improved greatly, and many more women were in the work force. The church was able to collect larger offerings and budget more to pay on the existing note, and by March 1944 they had

liquidated the note with The Chatham Bank.

A dedication service for our debt-free church was held on March 26, 1944. In this service, the cancelled note and mortgage was burned by F. J. Boling, chairman of the fund drive, C. N. Bray and V. M. Dorsett, trustees. The pastor, Rev. Carl Ousley, led the congregational dedication. Six former pastors were present. Rev. J. Louis Price read the scripture lesson, and Rev. J. C. Canipe delivered the dedicatory sermon. Greetings were given by Rev. J. R. Edwards, Rev. R. H. Herring, Rev. A. T. Howell, and Rev. W. O. Johnson. Special music was provided by the choir singing the anthem—"God So Loved the World". The solo—"The Holy City" was sung by Mrs. Frances Dorsett Hunter, and the Girl's Choir sang "The Lord's Prayer" during the offertory.

Dedication Service - March 26, 1944 Participants on the platform (l to r) Revs. W. O. Johnson, A .T. Howell, J. R. Edwards, Carl Ousley, J.L. Price, J. C. Canipe

Early in 1951, proposals were being made concerning buying a lot on which to build a new parsonage. On Sunday, June 24, 1951, T. Fleet Baldwin presented a resolution to build a new parsonage on the same lot as the existing parsonage. The motion was made and carried. R. E. Warfford made a motion to sell the old parsonage to the highest bidder. The old parsonage was sold for $1,000. The church approved a motion to pay for a home for the pastor, Rev. W. L. Lynch, to occupy while the new parsonage was being built.

C. C. Wrenn served as chairman of the building committee and T. H. Grimes was the financial agent. A two-story brick-veneered home plan was submitted and approved by the church. Carl Phillips submitted an estimated cost of $18,000. An agreement was made for Carl Phillips to build the parsonage for $15,000 and the building committee would by all the materials.

On February 7, 1952, a motion was made by Fred Paschal that the church borrow $3,500 to pay the bills incurred from buying materials for the parsonage. In a church conference on February 10, 1952, L. P. Dixon read the resolution that the church borrow the amount of money for 12 months. The motion was made and carried by a majority vote.

On January 21, 1952, Rev. and Mrs. Lynch announced that they were all settled in the new parsonage and extended an invitation for the church members to call and come by for a tour of the new home.

The Fidelis Sunday School Class had given a bedroom suite for the parsonage. This suite is presently in

Church Parsonage 1953 - 1961
Church Offices and Sunday School Rooms 1961 -

the home of Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr.

On February 6, 1953, the finance committee reported that the note with The Chatham Bank and all existing bills for the parsonage had been paid. The financial statement of the parsonage was presented.

Money received by cash donation	$ 10,681.80
Money that had been turned in to the church to be applied on a parsonage	1,620.00
Money paid by church on parsonage fund	500.00
Money paid by W. M. U.	1,655.26
Note ($3,500 borrowed $547.43 paid back out of parsonage fund $3.027.47 paid back out of church treasury. Interest being $108.75 part of which was taken out when money was received	3,466.25
Total cash received and total paid out (including yard and shrubbery)	17,923.31
Total gifts of materials, supplies & labor	2,136.06
Total cost of parsonage	$20,059.37

Church Membership

The membership report to the Sandy Creek Association in 1930 showed an increase of 23 baptisms, 21 letters or statements, and a decrease of 15 letters, 44 erasures and two deaths. Erasures, members dropped from the church roll, were common among churches until the 1940's. In the mid-1940's churches began recording members on a resident or non-resident roll. The total membership recorded for our church in 1930 was 307. The following table shows the total enrollment for every five years until 1960.

Year	Resident Members	Non-Resident Members	Total
1935			358
1940			415
1945			518
1950	405	128	533
1955	483	112	595
1960	504	101	605

During the 1930's there were 162 baptisms; 1940's, 115; and the 1950's, 143. The leading years were 1955 with 42 baptisms, 1937 with 27, 1936 and 1958 with 25, and 1942 with 24.

The ratio of gains to losses in the 1930's and 1940's was about 5:2, and in the 1950's the ratio was approximately 2:1

Financial Growth

In the early 1930's the record of expenditures was recorded as:

1930	$16,971.08
1931	7,835.86
1932	4,979.36
1933	3,213.00

Most of the expenditures in 1930 came from the building fund, taking care of payments due on the church. The effects of the depression were bearing down, and it was very difficult for many to give much to their church. No budgets were made, and the church was spending all that could be collected.

A project by the ladies of the church in the days of the depression was reported by Mrs. John (Martha Brower) Parker. Her mother and many of the ladies spent days making brown foot-long wrappers for members to fill with quarters. The wrappers had written on each one "twelve quarters equal one foot".

In 1934, the church began encouraging members to pledge their contributions, using envelopes to keep record of their giving. In 1934, $3,354.50 was collected through the use of envelopes. Several members did not agree with this procedure. An additional $483.71 was collected during the year. The Woman's Missionary Society added an additional $1,505.05 to pay on the organ. The total amount of contributions for the year was $5,343.26.

A budget was submitted and approved for 1938.

Pastor's salary	$1,500.00
Janitor	150.00
Repairs and insurance	400.00
Lights	150.00
Literature and church supplies	300.00
Organ upkeep	100.00
Cooperative program	500.00
Church debt and interest	2,800.00
Orphanage	100.00
Total	6,000.00

The budget for each year in the 1940's follows:

1940	$6,180.00	1945	$10,125.00
1941	6,122.00	1946	9,145.00
1942	6,180.00	1947	11,754.00
1943	7,027.20	1948	12,097.00
1944	7,850.00	1949	11,710.00

Scanty records are found for the 1950's. The budgets recorded are:

1950	$11,625.00
1954	16,650.00
1955	19,040.00
1956	22,740.00

The budget for 1960 was $35,050.80. Church budget October 1, 1954, to September 30, 1955.

Mission Here

Salaries	
Pastor	5,000.00
Musical Education Director	4,250.00
Financial Secretary	300.00
Janitor Service	960.00
Total Salaries	$10,510.00
Maintenance and Promotion	
Fuel, lights, telephone, radio	1,200.00
Repairs, insurance	1,000.00
Literature and bulletins	1,200.00
Organ, piano service, music supplies	250.00
Biblical Recorder	300.00
Retirement fund	370.00
Rent on nursery	360.00
Miscelllaneous	1,000.00
Total	$5,680.00

Mission There

Baptist Cooperative Program	2,500.00
Baptist Orphanage	300.00
Sandy Creek Association	50.00
Total Mission There	2,850.00
Grand Total	$19,040.00

Sunday School

The Sunday School has God's Word for its textbook. The purpose of the Sunday School is to provide an aggressive program of earnest Bible study which will reach and win the person who has not accepted Christ as his personal Savior and which will guide those who have accepted Christ in continuous Christian growth.

Those elected to the responsibility of Sunday School superintendents during this period were:

J. L. Duncan	1930 - 1933	Max Bray	1953 - 1957
Fleet Baldwin	1934 - 1942	Wade Poe	1957 - 1959
R. F. Paschal	1943 - 1945	Floyd Ingold	1959 - 1962
Fleet Baldwin	1946 - 1953		

In 1951, the church and Sunday School changed their beginning church year date from January 1 to October 1, corresponding with the year date used by the Sandy Creek Association.

The Sunday School attendance fluctuated, but generally increased and reached its peak in the years 1955 and 1956 with an average attendance over 300. The average for every five years is given below:

1930	180	1950	215
1935	216	1955	318
1940	216	1960	278
1945	174		

The organization of the Sunday School was revised and expanded in 1954 with the leadership of Mrs. Fred Poplin. The departments for the young people remained about the same, and classes were more strictly aligned by age and sex groups. The adult department was divided into three departments, and classes were aligned by sex and age and resulted in many more classes. This did not meet with the approval of several of the adults. Due to a gradual drop in Sunday School attendance, the Sunday School gradually changed to the original organization prior to 1954 with modified additions.

According to the minutes, the following were elected to lead the Sunday School for the year 1933.

Superintendent	J. L. Duncan
Assistant Superintendent	H. A. Richardson
Secretary	C. C. Gee
Assistant Secretary	C. R. Gilmore
Assistant Secretary	E. H. Jordan
Organist	Mrs. H. A. Richardson
Assistant Organist	Miss Margaret Perry
Department Superintendents	
Cradle Roll	Mrs. C. N. Bray
Beginners	Mrs. L. P. Dixon
Primary	Mrs. W. C. Thomas
Junior	Mrs. Colin Churchill
Intermediate	Mrs. C. C. Gee
Young People	Mrs. T. A. Burns

No information was given for the adult department in 1933, but for 1938 the following were listed:

Superintendent	V. M. Dorsett
Bible Class	
Teacher	J. J. Jenkins
Assistant Teacher	W. C. Teague
Baraca Class	
Teacher	C. C. Wrenn
Philathea Class	
Teacher	Mrs. C. L. Brower
T. E. L. Class	
Teacher	Mrs. C. C. Wrenn
Extension Department	
Mrs. T. H. Grimes	Miss Ida Welch
Mrs. R. S. Clark	Mrs. Fred Paschal
Mrs. W. S. Edwards	Mrs. H. A. Richardson
Mrs. E. H. Jordan	

The complete listing was given for the year 1943

General Superintendent	R. F. Paschal
Assistant Superintendent	K. G. Clapp
General Secretary	R. S. Lane
Asst.General Superintendent	Ray Grubb
Song Leader	J. B. Whitley
Organist	Mrs. James Perry
Adult Department	
Superintendent	C. C. Wrenn
Secretary	V. M. Dorsett
Pianist	Mrs. L. H. Honbarger
Teachers:	C. C. Wrenn, J. L. Moody, Glenn Morris, Mrs. C. L. Brower
Young Peoples Department	
Superintendent	Mrs. T. A. Burns
Secretary	Alton Phillips
Pianist	Miss Rachel Sharpe
Teachers:	Miss Frances Scarborough, J. B. Whitley
Intermediate Department	
Superintendent	Mrs. E. G. Straughan
Assist. Superintendent	Miss Agnes Weaver
Secretary	Mrs. Bertha Sharpe
Pianist	Miss Mary Louise Milliken
Teachers:	W. R. Harmon, Mrs. C. C. Wrenn, J. C. Thompson, F. J. Wrenn, Jr., Mrs. C. C. Headen, Miss Agnes Weaver, J. M. Beaty, Mrs. Ben O'Neal
Junior Department	
Superintendent	Mrs. Colin Churchill
Assist. Superintendent	Mrs. C. L. Ousley
Secretary	Miss Sallie Ann Pendergrass
Teachers:	A. L. Hendrick, H. E. Kennedy, Miss Ann Mason, Miss Minnie Moody, Mrs. James Perry, Mrs. J. C. Thompson, Mrs. Jim Lane

Primary Department

Superintendent	Mrs. C. N. Bray
Assist. Superintendent	Miss Evelyn Marsh
Pianist	Mrs. F. J. Wrenn, Jr.
Secretary	Mrs. Fleet Baldwin
Teachers:	Mrs. Ray Grubb, Mrs. Lafayette Wrenn, Mrs. J. V. Siler, Miss Louise Eubanks, Miss Evelyn Marsh, Mrs. John Talley

Beginner Department

Superintendent	Mrs. L. P. Dixon
Assist. Superintendent	Mrs. Bertha Sharpe
Pianist	Mrs. Herbert Andrew
Secretary	Mrs. Charlie Buckner
Teachers:	Mrs. C. R. Gilmore, Mrs. E. H. Yarborough

Cradle Roll Department

Superintendent	Mrs. B. B. Buckner
Assist. Superintendent	Mrs. Glenn Morris
Secretary	Mrs. L. T. Phillips
Helper:	Mrs. W. G. Phillips
Visitors:	Mrs. Roy Teague, Mrs. Ralph Blair, Mrs. Guy Williams, Mrs. E. H. Jordan

Extension Department

Superintendent	Miss Ida Welch
Visitor:	Mrs. T. H. Grimes

By 1954, the church was budgeting for rental on a house across the street owned by Boling Chair Company. This house had been the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Buckner and family. The Cradle Roll or Nursery Department had been moved to this house.

With the expansion of the Sunday School organization in 1954, six temporary classrooms were built in the basement of the church. The two front rooms of the rented house were prepared for two men's classes.

Sunday School elected officers and teachers for the year 1954-1955:

Sunday School Officers:

Superintendent	Max Bray
Assoc. Superintendent	L. T. Dark, Jr.
General Secretary	Randolph S. Lane
Classification Secretary	Ray Grubb
Recording Secretary	Miss Elma Kelly

Nursery Department:

Superintendent	Mrs. Lewis Spence
Assoc. Superintendents	Mrs. Glenn Morris Mrs. B. B. Buckner
Secretary	Mrs. L. T. Phillips
Pianist	Mrs. F. J. Wrenn, Jr.
Helpers:	Mrs. C. N. Moore, Mrs. Max Bray, Mrs. Willis Wrenn, Mrs. George McMasters, Mrs. Curtis Harris

Beginners Department:

Superintendent	Mrs. L. P. Dixon
Assoc. Superintendent	Mrs. Cecil Budd
Secretary	Mrs. Herbert Smith
Pianist	Mrs. E. S. Bridges
Teachers:	Mrs. Pearl Daurity, Mrs. Grady Glosson, Mrs. Cecil Budd, Mrs. Louise Andrews, Mrs. Marshall MacDaniel, Mrs. Ossie Buckner, Mrs. J. Shumar

Primary Department:

Superintendent	Miss Ellen Johnson
Assoc. Superintendent	Mrs. J. L. Sheppard
Secretary	Mrs. Harold Ivey
Pianist	Mrs. C. N. Bray
Teachers:	Mrs. Archie Norwood, Mrs. Jim Harden, Miss Elizabeth Whitley, Mrs. Genero White, Miss Helen Siler, Mrs. J. Clinton Bray

Junior Department:

Superintendent	F. L. Wrenn
Secretary	Mrs. Metta M. Taylor
Pianist	Earl Fitts
Teachers:	Mrs. Ray Grubb, Miss Ruth Thames, Mrs. Harold Jacobs, Mrs. Bertha Sharpe, Forrest Paschal, Paul S. Tew, Mrs. E. J. Johnson

Intermediate Department:

Superintendent	Mrs. Jim Lane
Assoc. Superintendent	Mrs. T. W. Craven
Secretary	Mrs. Charlie Buckner
Pianist	Mrs. R. E. Warfford
Teachers:	Mrs. Brown Lane, Mrs. F. E. Walston, J. M. Beaty, F. J. Wrenn, Jr., Mrs. B. D. Howard, Mrs. Grant Wilkes, R. C. Webb

Young Peoples Department:

Superintendent	Mrs. R. C. Webb
Assoc. Superintendent	Mrs. Fred Poplin
Secretary	Mrs. Edward Blair
Pianist	Mrs. I. G. Cross
Teachers:	Mrs. I. G. Cross, Mrs. F. L. Wrenn, J. B. Whitley

Adult Department "A":

Superintendent	Mrs. Jerry Grimes
Assoc. Superintendent	Willis Wrenn
Secretary	Mrs. W. R. Fitts, Jr.
Teachers:	Mrs. J. M. Beaty, Mrs. H. B. Franks, Frank Pruitt, L. K. Griffith

Adult Department "B":

Superintendent	Mrs. W. L. Lynch
Secretary	Mrs. Jack Lane
Teachers:	Roy A. Edwards, Fred Brown

Adult Department "C":

Superintendent	Mrs. T. A. Burns
Assoc. Superintendent	J. V. Luther
Secretary	C. N. Moore
Pianist	Mrs. Texie Honbarger
Teachers:	Dr. J. L. Carrick, L. P. Dixon, R. F. Paschal

Rev. J. C. Canipe was called as a pastor of the First Baptist Church in 1927. He led the church in its building program as he did in every church he pastored. On November 2, 1927, the church voted that beginning January 1, 1928, the church would have full-time pastoral service and raise a budget of $4,250 to go into effect December 1, 1927, covering pastor's salary of $2,500, missions $1,000, and the remainder for other local expenses. Rev. J. C. Canipe became the first full-time pastor of the First Baptist Church. He remained with the church until 1934.

Other pastors called in this time period of the church were:

Rev. James Louis Price	1935 - 1941	Rev. Robert Ernst Poerschke	1956 - 1960
Rev. Carl Lee Ousley	1941 - 1948	Rev. Richard Thornton	1960 - 1962
Rev. William L. Lynch	1948 - 1955		

Rev. John Clifton Canipe
1891-1984

Rev. J. C. Canipe

John Clifton Canipe was born May 6, 1891 in Lincoln County, North Carolina and was the son of John Franklin Canipe and Theodosis Norwood Canipe who were farmers. He was one of 12 children, and attended the public schools in Lincolnton and the South Fork Baptist Institute in Maiden, North Carolina. He entered Wake Forest College and graduated cum laude in 1918, earning the Bachelor of Arts degree. Just after graduation, he was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Wake Forest Church.

In 1920, he entered Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky where he was awarded a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1923. It was in 1940 that he was honored with a doctorate by the American University, Washington, D. C. in the field of evangelism, perhaps the only doctor's degree ever conferred in this field, up to this time.

Dr. Canipe served three North Carolina churches as pastor before he dedicated his time entirely to denominational work: the First Baptist Church of Mebane from 1918-1924, the First Baptist Church of Siler City from 1927-1934, and the First Baptist Church of Boone, 1934-1946. While in Boone, he started what later became the Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute at Hendersonville, North Carolina where he was the director for 14 years. He was North Carolina's secretary for evangelism for a total of 12 years and the president of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in 1956 and 1957. He retired from active pastoral work in 1961, but remained in great demand as an evangelist and interim pastor.

On November 26, 1919, Rev. J. C. Canipe married the former Effie Burton of Roxboro, North Carolina. To them were born three children: Mrs. Frances Burton Canipe Bailey, John Clifton Canipe, Jr., and Dorothy Ann Canipe born in Siler City, North Carolina.

Rev. James Louis Price
1893 - 1983

Rev. J. Louis Price

James Louis Price was born in Wilson County, North Carolina, February 1, 1893. He was the son of Ruftin P. Price and Louise Dildy Price who were farmers. When converted at 17 years of age, he united with the Stantonsburg Baptist Church and served as a deacon, Sunday School superintendent, and as an officer in the Training Union. He was ordained to the ministry in his home church on November 5, 1917.

After being called to the ministry, he attended Mars Hill College and graduated from Wake Forest College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1920. After teaching school for a year, he attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Kentucky, graduating with a Master of Theology degree in 1925. During his college and seminary days he supplied and pastored several churches.

While at Mars Hill College, James Louis Price met and married the former Dora Mae Eplee of Nealsville in McDowell County, North Carolina. They married May 21, 1917 and were the parents of two sons: Dr. James L. Price, Jr., and William R. Price.

During 40 years of ministry, Rev. James Louis Price pastored the following churches: Roberts Chapel and Buckhorn Churches near Murfreesboro, North Carolina; Bethel Church in Bloxom, Virginia, 1939-1934; First Baptist Church of Siler City, 1934-1941; Penelope Church in Hickory, North Carolina, 1941-1953; and Dudley Shoals Church in Caldwell County, North Carolina for three years.

Rev. Price retired in 1956, but never ceased to study, prepare sermons and preach. He held revival services in several states and frequented college and university campuses as a speaker. Albert Young said of him, "Mr. Price was a preacher's preacher, always ethical, cordial, kind, patient, and innately good. He was compassionate, humble, and understanding with all in all his relationships. He was the dean of pastors in the area at the time of his death."

After retiring, he made his home in Hickory, North Carolina.

Rev. Carl Lee Ousley
1910 - 1972

Rev. Carl Ousley

Carl Lee Ousley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Ousley, was born in Hartsville, South Carolina, but was reared in Buies Creek, Harnett County, North Carolina.

Carl L. Ousley was educated at Buies Creek and graduated from Campbell Junior College. He entered Wake Forest College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He received a Master of Arts degree from Crozer Seminary, Chester, Pennsylvania. He had two years of graduate study at Duke University.

Before accepting the call to the First Baptist Church of Siler City, Rev. Ousley served as pastor at Clifford, Pennsylvania, and three churches in the Raleigh, North Carolina area. These churches were Wakefield, New Hope, and Inwood.

Rev. Carl Ousley was married to the former Mary Wilton Harper of Wilson, North Carolina. They were the parents of two children: Mrs. Joyce Ousley Rawls and Carl Lee Ousley, Jr.

Apart from his pastoral work, Rev. Ousley was the General Director of the Baptist Training Union for three associations; Little River, Central, and Sandy Creek. He was a Rotarian, a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and a Scout Master of Troop 24, Siler City, North Carolina. Rev. Ousley served the church during a stressful time of financially trying to retire a church debt. He led the church in doing this and was able to celebrate with his church in burning the church note and mortgage.

After leaving Siler City in 1948, Rev. Ousley pastored at Holland and Sunbeam, Virginia. He was pastoring at Newsom, Virginia at the time of his death, August 20, 1972.

Rev. William Larkin Lynch
1908 -

Rev. W. L. Lynch

William L. Lynch was born September 8, 1908, in Yadkinville, North Carolina. He was the son of Jesse Thomas Lynch and Ellen Hutchens Lynch who were farmers and the parents of six children.

William Lynch received his education at Yadkinville and attended the Mountain Park Institute in Surry County where he graduated from secondary education in 1927. He attended Campbell Junior College from 1927 to 1929, and then entered Wake Forest College. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1933 and a Master of Theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky in 1947.

In 1925, William Lynch was converted and baptized in the Mountain Park Baptist Church in Mountain Park, North Carolina. He was ordained to the ministry in this same church in 1927.

On May 4, 1930, William L. Lynch and Nona Faye Clayton of Mountain Park, North Carolina were married. Their three sons are: William David Lynch, Albert Clayton Lynch, and Edward Larkin Lynch.

Rev. Lynch began pastoring churches before his ordination, but his first full-time church was in Jonesville, North Carolina from 1929 to 1931. He did part-time work in several churches while he was a student at Wake Forest College. In 1933, he moved to Rochester, New York and attended a division of Colgate University to receive his Bachelor of Divinity degree. While in Rochester, he pastored several churches.

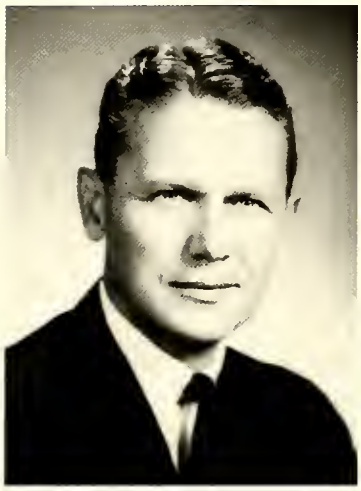
In 1936, he returned to North Carolina and to Mars Hill Baptist Church for a tenure of eight years. He pastored the First Baptist Church in Siler City from 1948 to 1955.

In 1954, the church, showing their appreciation for Rev. and Mrs. Lynch, presented them with a new automobile. In the presentation was C. N. Bray, treasurer; Frank Justice, trustee; L. P. Dixon, board of deacons; and T. Fleet Baldwin, superintendent of the Sunday School.

After his stay here, he became the dean of students at Mars Hill College and remained there as Dean, Counselor and Professor until 1974. In 1974, he became a professor at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute in Hendersonville until 1985. At this writing, he is in a nursing care home.

In addition to his religious vocations, he was, for a short time, a professional barber, and he served on the board of directors for the Red Cross.

Rev. Robert Ernst Poerschke
1918 -



Rev. Robert E. Poerschke

Robert E. Poerschke was born November 4, 1918, in Rochester, New York, the son of Johann Ernst and Maria Kemnitz Poerschke. His father was a civil engineer with Gulf Oil Company, and he moved with his parents to Port Arthur, Texas at the age of two years.

Robert Poerschke received his elementary and secondary education in Port Arthur, Texas and graduated from Thomas Jefferson Senior High School in 1937. He entered Furman University at Greenville, South Carolina and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1941. He then enrolled in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky and received a Master of Theology degree in 1944. He was ordained for the ministry at Procter Street Baptist Church in Port Arthur, Texas in December 1944.

From 1944 through 1946, Rev. Poerschke was a Chaplain with the United States Navy with duty at Bainbridge, Maryland; San Diego, California; Okinawa; and North China.

During 1946 and 1947, Rev. Poerschke was Director of Religious Activities at Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina.

In 1947, Rev. Poerschke became an associate pastor at Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. He was in charge of youth and educational work and, during his eight years there, the church's youth program received national recognition.

Robert Poerschke was married September 4, 1943, to the former Katherine Kendrick of Greenville, South Carolina. They are the parents of two daughters: Mrs. William (Mary Katherine) Stillerman and Mrs. Douglas V. (Martha Elizabeth) Kath.

Rev. Poerschke received and accepted a call to the First Baptist Church of Siler City in 1956 and pastored the church for four years. From Siler City he went to Morning Side Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida and remained one year. He became associate pastor at Mount Brook Baptist Church in Mount Brook, Alabama and remained until 1966. In 1966, he accepted a position as Professor of Religious Education at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina and is still with the Seminary.

Rev. Richard J. Thornton
1930 -

Richard J. Thornton was born November 4, 1930, in West Palm Beach, Florida, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Thornton. The family moved to Charlotte, North Carolina where Richard Thornton was educated and graduated from Charlotte Central High School in 1948. Mr. Thornton served four years in the United States Air Force. After his tour of duty, he entered Wake Forest College, graduating in 1956 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Mr. Thornton served as an interim pastor of the First Baptist Church of Siler City from February until May 1956, while a senior at Wake Forest College. To show the church's appreciation for his service, a group of church members, led by James Spence, Jr., presented Mr. Thornton with an automobile on the last Sunday he pastored. Represented in the presentation were James Spence, Jr., fund raiser; C. N. Bray, treasurer of the church; and Frank N. Justice, trustee fund raiser and local dealer of Chevrolet Motor Company.

After graduating from Wake Forest College, Mr. Thornton entered Southwestern Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas and remained there until he was called to the First Baptist Church of Siler City in 1960. He served the church for approximately two years.

Richard Thornton married the former Rita Truitt of Gastonia, North Carolina, and they have three sons, Mark, Jon, and Lee Thornton.

In 1962, Richard Thornton became a counselor with the American Red Cross, then a national representative and served as an Executive Director until 1969. From 1969 to 1973, he served as an Executive Director of the American Heart Association in Charlotte, North Carolina.

From 1973 until 1985, Richard Thornton worked as a Revenue Officer with the Internal Revenue Service in Charlotte, North Carolina and Gainesville, Georgia. From 1985 until 1987, he worked in real estate sales and property management.

In 1988, he began working with the Dispute Settlement Program in Charlotte and is working as a counselor with the Hickory Grove Baptist Church of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Rev. Richard J. Thornton

Deacons

On April 7, 1946, the Board of Deacons recommended to the church that the Board go on a rotating basis, and that the following be elected as life-time deacons: C. N. Bray, C. L. Brower, J. A. Dark, and E. H. Jordan. The remaining deacons would go off three per year, and be replaced with three elected deacons. Any deacon must wait one year before being re-elected to the Board of Deacons, and could not serve on the Board of Deacons and the Finance Board simultaneously.

On December 15, 1948, the following procedure for nominating deacons was approved. The nominating committee from the church, along with the chairman from the Board of Deacons and Finance Board, would nominate persons to fill vacancies on the two boards, occurring because of the rotation of members, or otherwise for any vacancies occurring. This procedure remained in effect until 1956.

In 1956, a complete change was made in the procedure for nominating deacons. The deacons would be nominated by the members of the congregation. The members could nominate six people from the adult male membership. The 18 members who received the highest number nominations would be placed on a second ballot. Each member could vote for six persons on the second ballot. The six people with the highest votes would be elected by the church as deacons for the next three years. The deacon elections from 1931 until 1961 are listed below. The deacons are listed by the year that they were ordained or were elected for the first time as far as could be determined by the minutes.

1937	1939	1946
C. C. Wrenn	W. G. Whisnant	J. W. Emerson, Jr.
	W. R. Harmon	H. E. Kennedy
	W. R. Fitts	Hugh W. Dixon
	T. H. Grimes	T. Fleet Baldwin
1947	**1948**	**1949**
Newton Moore	Ronald Gyles	John C. Cheek
Lafayette Wrenn	Roy Edwards	Rufus S. Clark
Ray Grubb	R. E. Warfford	J. B. Whitley
		R. S. Lane
1950	**1951**	**1952**
W. C. Teague	Ike Andrews	Ed Blair
F. J. Wrenn, Jr.	John Beaty	Max Bray
	June Dark	Hoyt Clark
	Forrest Paschal	W. O. Carter, Jr.

1953

Dalton Buckner
Hollis Franks
Willis Wrenn
C. C. Gee
L. T. Dark, Jr.
H. L. Ferguson

1954

Guy Miller
Jim Morris
Elwood Sharpe
L. P. Dixon
Claude Byerly

1955

Kenneth Budd
L. K. Griffith
Ray Liles
J. L. Sheppard

1956

Byron Clapp
James Spence, Jr.

1957

R. M. Durham
Clyde Jones
Wade Poe
Paul Tew

1958

Lou Gilbert
Talmadge Williams

1959

Murray M. Andrew
Floyd L. Ingold

1960

Thomas Andrew
Earl Fitts
Glenn Morris
Graham Rogers
Harold Jacobs
Lester Bradley

1961

Joe Harris
J. S. McIver

Messengers

Messengers who attended the Sandy Creek Association from 1930 through 1961.

1930	V. M. Dorsett, Mrs. J. C. Cheek, Mrs. J. W. Wrenn
1931	J. A. Dark, Mrs. J. D. Edwards, Mrs. C. C. Gee
1932	Mrs. C. L. Brower, V. M. Dorsett, Rev. J. C. Canipe
1933	V. M. Dorsett, C. N. Bray, J. A. Dark
1934	V. M. Dorsett, J. B. Whitley, A. H. Jones, Mrs. C. C. Gee
1935	J. W. Emerson, Jr., R. F. Paschal, C. N. Bray
1936	R. F. Paschal, Mrs. T. H. Grimes, Mrs. C. C. Gee
1937	C. C. Wrenn, Mrs. C. N. Bray, Mrs. T. H. Grimes
1938	W. R. Harmon, C. N. Bray, Mrs. Colin Churchill
1939	C. C. Wrenn, C. L. Brower, Mrs. T. A. Burns
1940	Fleet Baldwin, R. F. Paschal, Mrs. L. P. Dixon, Mrs. Colin Churchill
1941	Fleet Baldwin, Mrs. T. A. Burns, Mrs. Colin Churchill
1942	C. L. Brower, Mrs. R. F. Paschal, Mrs. T. A. Burns
1943	C. C. Wrenn, R. F. Paschal, Mrs. Colin Churchill, Mrs. T. A. Burns, J. A. Dark
1944	C. N. Bray, Mrs. Colin Churchill, Mrs. T. A. Burns, Mrs. Jim Thompson, Mrs. Joe Bray, C. C. Wrenn
1945	Mrs. T. A. Burns, Mrs. Jim Thompson, Mrs. Colin Churchill
1946	Mrs. Colin Churchill, Mrs. T. H. Grimes, Mrs. John Beaty, C. C. Wrenn, J. A. Dark; E. H. Jordan
1947	R. F. Paschal, Mrs. Colin Churchill, Mrs. C. N. Bray, Mrs. T. A. Burns, Mrs. C. C. Gee, Randolph Lane
1948	Mrs. Colin Churchill, Mrs. W. R. Fitts, E. H. Jordan, C. C. Wrenn, Mrs. T. A. Burns, J. W. Emerson, Jr.
1949	R. F. Paschal, C. C. Wrenn, Mrs. T. A. Burns, C. N. Bray, Mrs. C. N. Bray, Fleet Baldwin
1950	Mrs. T. W. Craven, Mrs. Herbert Andrew, E. H. Jordan, C. C. Wrenn, Mrs. T. A. Burns, R. S. Clark
1951	Mrs. T. A. Burns, Mrs. R. F. Paschal, Mrs. R. F. Hedrick, Mrs. Jerry Grimes, Mrs. L. P. Dixon, J. A. Dark
1952	J. B. Whitley, Mrs. T. A. Burns, Mrs. Emma V. Hough, C. C. Wrenn, Fleet Baldwin, L. P. Dixon
1953	L. P. Dixon, J. A. Dark, Mrs. Jerry Grimes, C. L. Brower, Mrs. J. E. Spence, Jr., C. C. Wrenn, Mrs. H. B. Franks, Mrs. Herbert Andrew, Fleet Baldwin, Mrs. J. C. Funderburk, Mrs. W. L. Lynch, Mrs. T. A. Burns
1954	L. P. Dixon, E. H. Jordan, Mrs. H. B. Franks, Mrs. T. A. Burns, Mrs. W. L. Lynch, Mrs. C. N. Bray
1955	Dr. J. L. Carrick, Mrs. J. L. Carrick, Mrs. W. L. Lynch, L. P. Dixon, Mrs. T. A. Burns, E. H. Jordan
1956	Mrs. T. A. Burns, Mrs. E. H. Johnson, Dr. J. L. Carrick, Mrs. J. L. Carrick, Rev. Robert E. Poerschke
1957	Rev. Robert E. Poerschke, Mrs. Robert E. Poerschke, Dr. J. L. Carrick, Ellihu E. Sloan, Mrs. C. N. Bray, Mrs. E. J. Johnson
1958	Mrs. C. N. Bray, Dr. J. L. Carrick, Mrs. L. T. Dark, Jr., Mrs. H. B. Franks, Ellihu E. Sloan, J. B. Whitley
1959	Dr. Robert E. Poerschke, Mrs. Robert E. Poerschke, R. F. Paschal, Ellihu E. Sloan
1960	Rev. Richard J. Thornton, Mrs. Richard J. Thornton, Ellihu Sloan, R. F. Paschal, Mrs. T. A. Burns, Mrs. L. P. Dixon
1961	Rev. Richard J. Thornton, Mrs. Richard J. Thornton, Ellihu Sloan, R. F. Paschal, Mrs. T. A. Burns, Mrs. L. P. Dixon, W. R. Fitts, Sr.

Trustees

The trustees elected by the church from 1930 to 1961 were: C. B. Thomas, October 1, 1933; James E. Spence, Jr., October 1, 1959; and Frank N. Justice, October 1, 1961.

Church Treasurers

Sometime in the 1930's, C. N. Bray accepted the office of treasurer for the church and remained until he retired in 1956. He was elected church treasurer emeritus for his long service and outstanding work.

Dalton K. Buckner was elected church treasurer and began serving October 1, 1956.

Church Clerks

J. W. Emerson, Jr. served as church clerk until August 1937. E. H. Jordan was elected to fill the position the same month. Mr. Jordan served until February 1956 and, after retiring, he was elected church clerk emeritus. Mrs. L. T. Dark, Jr. was elected to the position in April 1958 to fill the unexpired term of E. H. Jordan. Mrs. F. J. Wrenn, Jr. was elected clerk in September of 1958 and served through 1969.

Church and Financial Secretaries

After Miss Mary Moore Dorsett moved to Raleigh, North Carolina, to work and live near her sister, Mrs. J. Q. Seawell, the church elected Herman E. Kennedy financial secretary, and he served in this position from 1930 until the end of 1936. On January 3, 1937, Mrs. Herman (Edna) Kennedy was elected financial secretary. For several years, prior to 1937, the contributions were recorded by Miss Ruby Eubanks. In November of 1937, Miss Louise Eubanks assumed this responsibility until 1942.

In January 1945, Mrs. R. E. (Sally Pendergrass) Ward was elected financial secretary. Her sister, Miss Mary Lou Pendergrass, was elected for 1946. In 1948, Miss Emma Jean Dark was employed as a part-time secretary and financial secretary. Mrs. Jerry (Frances Curtis) Grimes began work as the financial secretary in 1949, serving until after the church had employed a full-time church and financial secretary.

Miss Jane Andrew became the first full-time church and financial secretary in the Summer of 1956. She was a daughter of Harvey and Blanche Lindley Andrew of the South Fork Friends Church community. She married William Joseph (Joe Bill) Lindley in November 1958. She was a graduate of Silk Hope High School and Burlington Business School.

Mrs. Jane A. Lindley resigned her position with the church effective August 19, 1960. She is presently working as an Administrative Assistant in the History Department of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

In September of 1960, Miss Betty Jo Lindley, daughter of James G. and Grace Edwards Lindley, became the second full-time church secretary. She was from the South Fork Church community, graduated from Silk Hope High School and Burlington Business College.

Miss Betty Jo Lindley and Simon Clay Teague were married August 4, 1961. Mrs. Betty Jo Teague resigned her position with the church in September 1965. She presently works with her husband on a poultry farm.

Outgoing Missionaries

Rev. William L. Lynch and the Deacon Board voted to approve the ordination of Russell Fitts as an ordained minister in a called conference on August 15, 1948. He had been licensed to preach by First Baptist Church January 4, 1948. C. C. Wrenn and C. L. Brower were elected to sit on council for the ordination service. Russell Fitts was ordained to the ministry on August 29, 1948.

Rev. Russell Fitts

Rev. Russell Fitts
1926 -

Russell Fitts was born in Siler City, North Carolina November 26, 1926, son of William Robert Sr., and Mae Marley Fitts.

Converted at 14, a call came soon to the ministry. He graduated from Siler City High School, Mars Hill College, and Furman University. He received a Degree in Theology from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. College training was interrupted with service in the armed forces, serving as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division.

Before entering Furman University, Rev. Fitts married the former Miss Mary Camp of Rutherfordton, North Carolina. The Fitts have two sons, James (Jim) Fitts and Thomas (Tom) Fitts.

After graduating from the Seminary, Rev. Fitts went to Hamilton, Virginia, then to Providence Baptist Church, Gaffney, South Carolina.

From 1960 to 1978, Rev. Fitts pastored New Bethel Baptist and Double Shoals Churches, Cleveland County; and Bethlehem Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, North Carolina. In 1978, he accepted the pastorate at Zion Baptist Church, Shelby, North Carolina, and is presently serving this church.

Rev. Clifford Bruce McIver
1925 -

Clifford Bruce McIver, son of George S. and Ollie Moody McIver, was born July 3, 1925 in Siler City, North Carolina.

Bruce McIver grew up in the First Baptist Church, Siler City, N. C., was converted October 7, 1941, and received his call to the ministry. He was licensed to preach by the church on August 23, 1942.

He graduated from Siler City High School in 1942, received an A. A. degree from Mars Hill Junior College in 1944 and received a B. A. degree from Baylor University in 1946. He attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary from 1946 to 1949, receiving a Master of Divinity degree. He was awarded an honorary L. L. D. degree from Baylor University in 1974.

Bruce McIver was ordained for the ministry by the Walnut Springs Baptist Church in Walnut Springs, Texas in November 1949. This was his first pastorate. He was director of B. S. U. and a Bible instructor for Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas from 1949-1954 and Texas Technical University, Lubbock, Texas from 1954 to 1956. The next two years, he worked with the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He accepted the pastorate of Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas in 1958 and remained there 30 years. He retired in 1988.

On August 9, 1947, Bruce McIver married the former Miss Mary Jean Withers of Baytown, Texas. They had one daughter, Kathlynn McIver. After the death of his first wife, Bruce McIver married Miss Lawanna House of Detroit, Michigan on February 13, 1960. They have two daughters—Mrs. George (Shannon McIver) Allen and Mrs. John (Maureen McIver) McCarthy.

Rev. Bruce McIver

In this time period, one young man of the First Baptist Church of Siler City chose the field of music as his career and has been involved with church music most of his time since. William David Lynch was baptized into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church at the age of 13 and began his first organ lessons with Mrs. C. L. Brower.

William David Lynch
1941 -

W. D. Lynch

William David Lynch, son of William L. and Nona Faye (Clayton) Lynch, was born July 3, 1941 in Asheville, North Carolina. He attended schools in Siler City from the age of 7 through 14. He graduated from Mars Hill High School in 1958.

Mr. Lynch attended Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, and received a Bachelor of Music Degree in 1962. While at Oberlin, and after studies there, he also studied at the Akademic "Mozarteum" in Salzburg, Austria. He then went to the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester, New York, where he earned the Master of Music, the performer's Certificate in Organ, and the Doctor of Musical Arts. During his four years at Eastman, he was Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church, Brockport, New York.

In 1967, Dr. Lynch married Marilyn Sue Poole, whom he met at Eastman. Later that year they moved to Hackettstown, New Jersey, where Dr. Lynch was an instructor in music at Centenary College.

In 1967, Dr. Lynch accepted an offer from Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina, to become Chairman of the Department of Music. He has been at Meredith ever since and continues to play organ recitals and conducts organ and choral workshops whenever he can.

Since 1971, Dr. Lynch has been Organist-Choirmaster at Christ Church, Raleigh, North Carolina. Dr. and Mrs. Lynch and their two children, Christie Mariea and David Matthew, are members of the Christ Church.

Brotherhood

Rev. William L. Lynch spoke frequently to the men of the church concerning the organization of Brotherhood. In 1954, J. L. Sheppard was elected president of the Brotherhood and again in 1955. His report to the Sandy Creek Association in 1955 showed a membership of 58 with nine meetings held. Rev. Lynch left in 1955, and the Brotherhood appeared to have ceased.

Educational Directors

The responsibility of educational directors is to direct the church training. They should place emphasis in the development and training of Sunday School workers and Baptist Training Union persons.

The first director of the church was Betty Ann Snyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Snyder of Canton, North Carolina. She was called to the church in June 1946 and resigned February 29, 1948.

Mrs. Fred Poplin was called in 1954 as a Director of Religious Training and Director of Church Choirs. Mrs. Poplin resigned September 1, 1955, to accept a call in the same capacity with the First Baptist Church in Union, South Carolina.

Mr. Ullin L. Bivins of Maryville, Tennessee was called April 30, 1961. He worked with the church until June 1963.

Woman's Missionary Union Organization

As the church membership grew, so did the membership in the Woman's Missionary Union. In 1931, Mrs. W. C. Thomas reported a total of 188 members. The Woman's Missionary Society, led by Mrs. W. C. Thomas, reported 73 members; the Young Woman's Auxiliary, led by Mrs. C. N. Bray, reported 14 members; the Girl's Auxiliary groups, led by Mrs. J. C. Canipe, reported 38 members; the Royal Ambassadors, led by Mrs. C. C. Gee, reported 27 members; and the Sunbeams, led by Mrs. L. P. Dixon, reported 36 members.

Enrollment memberships are shown for every five years during this period of the church.

	WMS	YWA	GA's	RA's	SUNBEAM	Total
1935	80	16	16	24	18	154
1940	110	25	38	10	20	203
1945	120	0	37	24	19	200
1950	111	7	25	15	24	182
1955	145	6	29	0	45	225
1960	138	15	0	0	26	179

Woman's Missionary Presidents From 1931 - 1963

Mrs. J. C. Canipe	1931-1932	Mrs. W. E. Sharpe	1949-1950
Mrs. C. C. (Blanche) Gee	1932-1933	Mrs. Jerry Grimes	1950-1951
Mrs. C. L. Brower	1933-1934, 1935-1936	Mrs. Lafayette Wrenn	1951-1952
Mrs. R. F. (Westa K.) Paschal	1934-1935, 1936-1937	Mrs. James E. Spence, Jr.	1952-1953
	1941-1944, 1945-1946	Mrs. H. B. Franks	1953-1954
Mrs. C. N. Bray	1937-1939, 1946-1948	Mrs. J. L. Carrick	1954-1957
Mrs. Colin Churchill	1939-1940	Mrs. L. T. Dark, Jr.	1957-1959
Mrs. T. A. Burns	1940-1941	Mrs. Earl Fitts	1959-1960
Mrs. R. H. Thomas	1944-1945	Mrs. Ruth S. Dixon	1960-1964
Mrs. T. H. Grimes	1948-1949		

Mrs. C. L. Brower served as Superintendent of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Sandy Creek Association from 1931-1933.

By 1930, a Ladies Aid Society had been organized to help the Woman's Missionary Union in their fund drives. The president of the Ladies Aid Society for 1929-1930 was Mrs. C. N. Bray, and for 1930-1931 was Mrs. J. F. Thomas. Both organizations had given the Moller organ for their church and were striving to make payments. Records indicate that the women of the church paid $860.61 on the organ in 1935 and paid $121.33 on the church debt in 1939.

In the early thirties, the YWA's, with the leadership of Mrs. C. C. (Blanche) Gee, sold vanilla extract as their project to purchase three pulpit chairs.

No doubt many other projects were carried out, but not reported. The Woman's Missionary Union remained very active during this period in our church - supplying needs of the church; contributing to home, foreign, and state missions; and teaching missions.

In 1939, with the leadership of Mrs. C. N. Bray, several speakers were invited to the church, Mrs. C. W. McManus, Associational W. M. U. Superintendent, visited the society in April. In June, of the same year, a mission study was held. Mrs. Foy J. Farmer of Raleigh taught the W. M. S., and Miss Thomas of Durham, North Carolina, taught the young people.

Mrs. Bray stated in yearly report that there were five W. M. S. circles, numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, and that Miss Anna Dixon had won first place in the Sword Drill at Ridgecrest, representing the W. M. U. of the First Baptist Church.

In the same year, a shower had been sponsored to send items to Baptist Hospital. The following gifts were sent: 11 sheets, 13 bath cloths and 26 towels.

The 1945 yearly report of the Woman's Missionary Union is given below.

Cooperative Program	$166.12
To Miss Pearle Johnson	41.00
Community Missions	95.00
Linen Shower to Baptist Hospital	40.00
Mother's Day Offering to Hospital	97.25
Thanksgiving Offering to Mills Home	75.00
Post War Fund	19.50
Kennedy Love Gift	136.00
Gift to Miss Pearle Johnson	50.00
(Linens and blankets to take to China)	
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	92.01
State Missions Offering	42.05
Heck Memorial Offering	33.15
Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions	70.60
Total	$957.68

Miss Roberta Pearle Johnson was the first foreign missionary to be sent out from the Sandy Creek Baptist Association. She was born at Mount Vernon Springs, North Carolina and was the daughter of R. P. Johnson.

A graduate of Meredith College and Woman's Missionary Union Training School, Louisville, Kentucky, she did graduate work at Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board, she

did educational and evangelistic work at North Gate Church and Eliza Yates School in Shanghai, China. She began her work in 1915 and remained until 1949.

The circles of the First Baptist Church supported Miss Johnson until her death, December 11, 1952. After this date, the numbered circles began adopting a foreign missionary of their choosing and taking their name for their various circles.

Many times when Miss Johnson visited the First Baptist Church, she taught a very interesting mission's course, and to show her appreciation for the generosity shown to her, she gave to the women of the First Baptist Church, two tapestries, and two hand made linen cloths to be used in communion services.

In 1956-1957, there were nine circles plus one called "Prayer League Circle" which was probably comprised of 14 ladies who did not attend a regular circle meeting. The circles listed were: Circles 1, 2, 3, Vera Payne, Harriet Lennon, Mary Hester Powell, Ernelle Brooks, Virginia Highfill, and Applewhite.

On September 18, 1955, the W. M. U. sponsored a Girl's Auxiliary Coronation. Each G. A. member had been working to reach the next level of achievement. The steps were Maiden, Lady-in-Waiting, Princess, Queen, and Queen With Scepter. In this service, three girls were crowned Queen - Miss Ruth Walston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo H. Walston; Miss June Franks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Franks; and Miss Helen Stone, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Gray Stone and the late Talmadge Stone.

Below is a group picture of those in this coronation service.

Coronation Service September 18, 1955

Music Program

The leadership of the music program in this time period of the church can be contributed basically to two persons — Mrs. C. L. Brower and Ellihu E. Sloan. Mrs. Brower retired in 1954, after 26 years. She was followed by Mrs. Fred Poplin who directed the choirs for one year. Clyde Patterson, a student of Mrs. Brower, was organist during this time. After Mrs. Poplin, Mrs. Brower filled in until Ellihu Sloan was employed in 1956.

Mrs. C. L. Brower

Mrs. C. L. (Flossie Cravens) Brower
1888 - 1963

Flossie Eunice Cravens, daughter of Henry Jasper and Martha Hazel Wood Cravens, was born July 2, 1888, in Clayton, Indiana. She spent her early years in Indiana, graduating from Central Normal College, Danville, Indiana, in piano and public school music methods, August 12, 1909. She earned a diploma for completing the prescribed teacher's course of instruction in piano at the New York School of Music and Arts, New York, New York, May 22, 1914, and later studied organ. After teaching piano at Littleton College in North Carolina and in Dade City, Florida, she became Mrs. C. L. Brower on June 28, 1916 and came to Siler City, where she taught music, both voice and organ in addition to piano, until a short while before her death on December 3, 1963.

Mrs. Brower was very active in her church, having served as W. M. U. President, W. M. U. Superintendent of the Sandy Creek Association, and Sunday School teacher. She was organist-choir director of the First Baptist Church, Siler City, for more than 26 years. She organized Crosby Adams Music Club, was president of the Siler City Music Club, organized the first garden club in Siler City, and the Round Dozen Book Club. She wrote the specifications for the organ in her church, this being the first pipe organ installed in the Siler City area.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brower were: Mrs. Earl (Marguerite Brower) Hargrave, decreased; Mrs. John (Martha Brower) Parker of Lantana, Florida; and Ralfe Kevin Brower of Siler City.

One former choir member reported that when Mrs. Brower became choir director and organist she lived out of town, and she was so dedicated to her work she walked into town every Tuesday night for choir practice so she would be sure to be there.

The writer of this book was a piano student of Mrs. Brower for three years. She was a very challenging and conscientious teacher, always assigning well-known classical selections that, at first, seemed too difficult to handle. But, when mastered, such a feeling of satisfaction motivated one to strive more. From all indications, she worked with her choirs in the same manner. She was highly respected by those whom she taught.

In the thirties, Mrs. Clyde Barksdale was organist at times, and she and Mrs. Brower directed several musical programs for the evening worship service. There were solos; duets; quartets—mixed, male and female; men's and ladies choruses. Each was composed of members of the church choir and sometimes a special music student of Mrs. Brower. Mrs. Barksdale was very active in the music program and the music clubs of Siler City. She and her husband moved from Siler City in 1939.

Clyde Dorsett, a member of Loves Creek Baptist Church, sang with the church choir for many years just to be a part of Mrs. Brower's music program. He sang many solo selections. Miss Marguerite Brower performed often on the violin. Miss Edna Teague and Miss Margaret Pendergrass played organ selections.

Mrs. James (Margaret Pendergrass) Perry was an organ student of Mrs. Brower. She soon became her assistant and for one year, at least, Mrs. Perry was church organist, while Mrs. Brower was choir director. Mrs. Perry was presented a silver bud vase by the church, near the retirement of Mrs. Brower, for her assistance to Mrs. Brower over the years and her contributions to the choir.

Miss Rebecca Clapp, daughter of K. G. and Grace Boling Clapp, was an outstanding voice student of Mrs. Brower. She began singing solo parts with the choir in the early forties and continued, when she was a student at Salem College, to sing on special occasions with the church choir.

Miss Clapp majored in voice at Salem College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and went on to study at Columbia University and the Juilliard School in New York, New York. After graduating from the Juilliard School and studying with private teachers, she went on concert tours, mostly in Europe. She later became Mrs. Mark Ollington and the mother of two sons.

In 1940, the choir members listed were:

Mrs. C. L. Brower, Organist and Choir Director
Mrs. James Perry, Assistant Organist
* Soloist

* Mrs. J. A. Hunter
Mrs. John Cheek
* Mrs. T. W. Craven
Mrs. James Perry
* Mrs. Glenn Morris
Mrs. Fred Thomas
* Mrs. F. J.Wrenn, Jr.
Mrs. Colin Churchill
* Mrs. Herbert Andrew
Mrs. W.S. Hollingsworth
Mrs. Rowland Thomas

Mrs. L. P. Dixon
Mrs. W. R. Harmon
Miss Elfreida Sickerott
Brown Lane
* J. A. Dark
* W. R. Harmon
* Clyde Dorsett
J. B. Whitley
Chester Richardson
Fred Paschal
John C. Cheek

Some of the choir members who served prior to 1940 were:

Martha Brower (Mrs. John Parker)
Mattie Clapp (Mrs. Lewis Nelson, Jr.)
Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hedrick
Miss Ruth Bray (Mrs. Roy Kennemur)
Miss Doris Ormand (Mrs. F. L. Wrenn)
Mrs. Clyde Barksdale

In the forties, records indicate that Mrs. Rowland Thomas and Mrs. C.L. Ousley were assistant organists. Mrs. C. L. Ousley was responsible for starting and directing the youth choirs. She was assisted by Mrs. Colin Churchill and Miss Betty Ann Snyder.

Some of the people who contributed to the music program in the forties and fifties were:

James Spence, Jr.
Gordon Rayle
Sam Osborne, soloist
Kenneth Sears, soloist
Lewis Spence
June Moody
Mrs. John (Majorie Spence) Brady
Mrs. Earl (Virginia Dixon) Fitts
Ronald Gyles, soloist
Lou Gilbert
Mrs. Lorraine Beaty Milliken, soloist
Mrs. Carolyn Craven Brooks, organist
Mrs. R. E. Poerschke, pianist
Mrs. Ed (Eleanor Hedrick) Clapp
Mrs. Bessie Hedrick Poe, soloist
Mrs. C. W. Reynolds, pianist & organist

By the early fifties, Mrs. Brower, with volunteer help, had developed six choral groups — three groups for children, the Carol (youth) Choir, the Chancel Choir, and a Men's Chorus. When Ellihu E. Sloan came in 1956, he continued each choir and with the same aspirations that had been existing with Mrs. Brower, Mr. Sloan was able to increase the membership in each choir.

In 1961, a report of the Music Committee was made by Thomas Andrew, Chairman; and Ellihu E.Sloan, Minister of Music. The report was: six choral groups had performed throughout the year, a total membership of more than 100 choral members, the chancel choir had led the congregational singing for each morning worship service, and had presented special music for each service and at other services when the occasion arose, the children's choirs and men's chorus had sung in services periodically, the Chancel and Carol choirs had participated in regional and statewide choir festivals, and that 12 carol choir members had attended Junior Choir Camp at Caswell in July.

The choir members listed for 1961 were:

Ellihu E.Sloan, Organist and Choir Leader
* Soloist

Soprano
Mrs. Harold Allred
Mrs. John Brady
Mrs. Ossie Buckner
* Mrs. T. W. Craven
* Mrs. J. A. Hunter
Miss Elma Kelly
* Mrs. Glenn Morris
Mrs. Margaret Perry
* Mrs. Paul S. Tew
Mrs. F. J. Wrenn, Jr.

Altos
* Mrs. Herbert Andrew
Mrs. John Beaty
Mrs. J. C. Bray
Mrs. L. D. Britson
* Mrs. Bessie Harris
Mrs. Glenn Phillips
Mrs. Russell Poole
Mrs. R. G. Rector
* Mrs. Graham Rogers
Mrs. Nathalia Thomas

Tenors
* Thomas Andrew
Dr. C. H. Byerly
* L. K. Griffith

Basses
W. B. Grant
Joe Harris
Bryant Kennedy
June Moody
Graham Rogers
Wilson Rogers
Paul S. Tew

Ellihu E. Sloan
1921 - 1982

Ellihu E. Sloan was born in Yadkin County, North Carolina on October 12, 1921, to Chester Cornish and Maggie Mullis Sloan. He was reared in a Quaker Church.

Mr. Sloan graduated from West Yadkin High School in 1938, attended John Hopkins University and Peabody Conservatory of Music from 1946 to 1951, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree. He did graduate study in organ at Greensboro, North Carolina, and received a Masters Degree in Music from Appalachian State University in 1969.

Ellihu E. Sloan

Mr. Sloan was a high school band director from 1954 to 1956 and taught private lessons in piano, organ, and voice. He also held positions as organist and director of church music in Baltimore, Maryland, and at Western Avenue Baptist Church in Statesville, North Carolina, before coming to Siler City to direct the music program at the First Baptist Church. He directed the program at First Baptist for nine years. After leaving First Baptist Church, he went to the Wilkesboro First Baptist Church and remained there until his death, December 18, 1982.

Mr. Sloan was married to Miss Mozelle Templeton on November 6, 1943. They were the parents of three sons: Dana Sloan of Omaha, Nebraska, Michael C. Sloan, and Neal G. Sloan of North Wilkesboro.

Mrs. Sloan taught second grade at Paul Braxton Elementary School during their stay in Siler City.

BYPU

Some of the Baptist Young Peoples Union leaders in the 1930's were: Miss Pauline Jordan, Miss Mattie Clapp, Miss Annie Murchison, Mrs. T. A. Burns, Miss Elizabeth Gamble, Mrs. W. C. Thomas, Mrs. J. L. Price, Mrs. H. E. Kennedy, Miss Adele Holoman, and Mrs. R. H. Thomas.

At least two groups met each year- Intermediates and Juniors, and for four years there was a Senior group. In 1939, there was an Adult group. The average membership for the 1930's was 54.

In the 1940's, there were three to five groups meeting. The Adult groups was active during the early forties. The Story Hour began in 1943. Occasionally, there was a Senior group. The average membership for the forties was 64 with the highest enrollment in 1944 of 104.

Those leaders reported in the forties were: Miss Adele Holoman, E. H. Jordan, Mrs. Naomi O'Neal, W. R. Harmon, Mrs. Sallie Ward, Mrs. Colin Churchill, Miss Betty Ann Snyder, and John M. Beaty. Teachers were listed as: Mrs. H. E. Kennedy, Mrs. Raleigh Harmon, Mrs. Jim Lane, Mrs. Fleet Baldwin, Mrs. Ray Grubbs, Miss Louise Eubanks, Miss Frances Scarborough, and Mrs. Betty Gilmore. Mrs. Jim Thompson and Mrs. Louis Spence worked with the Story Hour.

Prior to 1950, the organization had become the Baptist Training Union and before 1960, the name became Baptist Training.

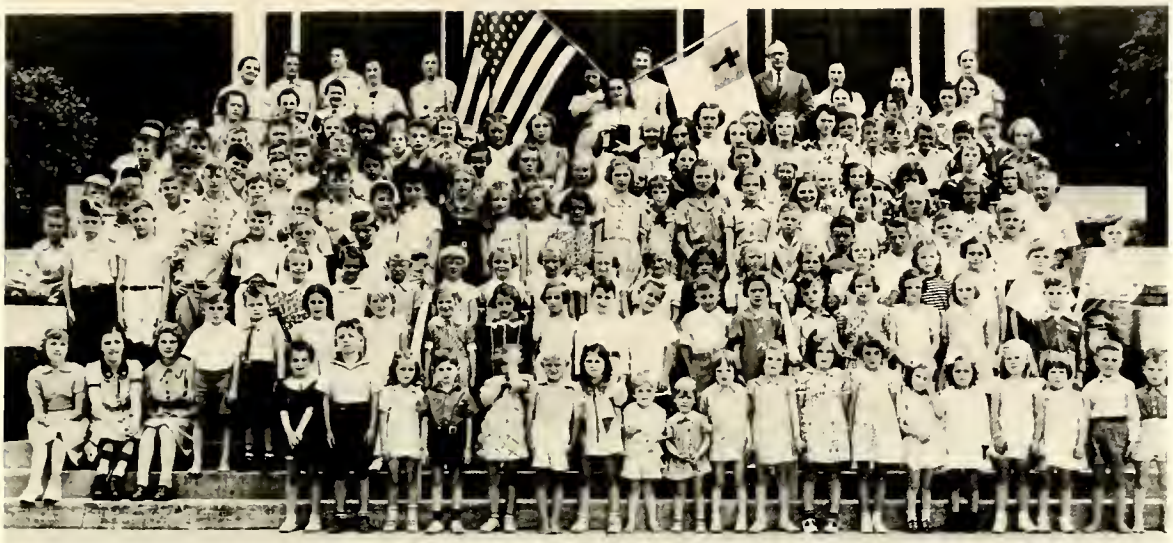
The Baptist Training leaders reported for the 1950's were: John Beaty, Mrs. John Beaty, J. C. Funderburk, Mrs. Fred Poplin, Miss Ruth Thames, Rev. Robert E. Poerschke, and Rev. Talmadge Williams. The average membership for the fifties was 74 with the highest membership of 111 in 1955. From 1951 to 1955 six groups were meeting— Nursery, Beginners, Primary, Intermediates, Young People, and Adults.

In 1960, Graham Rogers was the B. T. leader with four groups meeting and membership of 51. Don Hart was the B. T. leader in 1961 with 54 members.

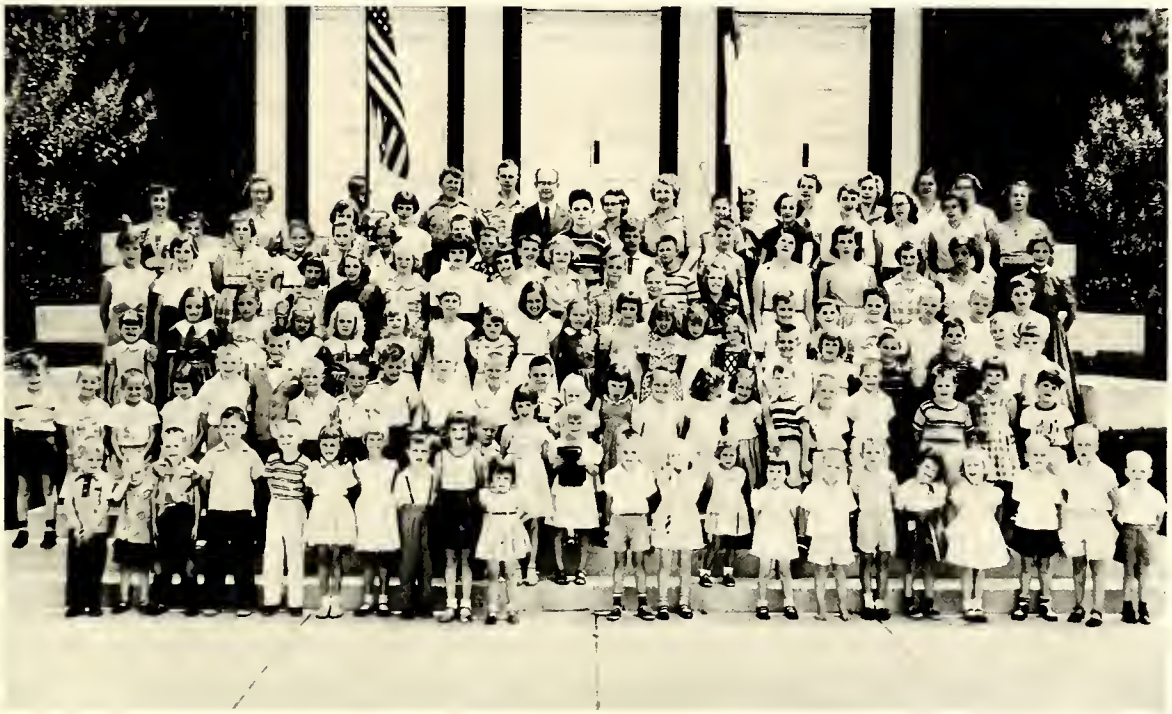
Bible School

Bible School is an extension of the Sunday School. Reports indicate that the first one was conducted in the late twenties. The pastor was usually the principal, and the Sunday School teachers available taught the classes in Bible School. In the thirties, some Bible Schools were held for two weeks or 10 class days. For the past several years, the sessions have been for five class days.

Shown below is a Bible School Group, with Rev. J. L. Price, held in the late thirties. The second picture is a group led by Rev. W. L. Lynch in 1954.



Bible School - Late 30's



Bible School - 1954

THE CHURCH COMPLEX Chapter 5

First Baptist Church Complex
1965 -

Physical Growth

In the early 1950's, the church members were facing the same problem they had in the first church building — not enough space for Sunday School classes. As early as October 1953, the Boards of Deacon and Finance named a nominating committee to elect committees to study the possibility of an educational building.

The present lot was not large enough for the existing church and parsonage and for an additional building. The purchasing of new real estate and building a new parsonage seemed insurmountable to most of the church members. Almost six years passed without much progress.

On November 13, 1958, the First Baptist Church sponsored a Loyalty Dinner to promote the Forward Program. This dinner was held in the new Jordan-Matthews High School Gymnasium. The purpose of the Forward Program was to add an educational building to the church.

The dinner was prepared by Mrs. Frankie Warfford, the school lunchroom manager, and her staff. Ike Andrews was master of ceremonies; L. K. Griffith led the group singing, and K. G. Clapp, chairman of the Forward Program, gave a Leadership Introduction and Report.

Special music was provided by the Men's Chorus and the Chancel Choir. A Baldwin organ was provided by Moore Music, Co., Greensboro, North Carolina. Ellihu Sloan played the organ and directed the special music. Rev. Robert E. Poerschke presented words of inspiration and encouragement to a group that filled the gymnasium to capacity.

The ladies of Love's Creek Baptist Church kept the nursery and provided a party for the children.

In 1959, another effort was made to enter into a definite plan for expansion. The Board of Deacons, Board of Finance and Building Committee, with $3,544.70 in the "Forward Program of Finance", presented several plans for an educational building. They recommended three steps in the building program.

The first step would be to locate property, and build a new parsonage.

The second step would be to make immediate use of the present parsonage and discontinue the rental of the property across the street.

The third step would be to establish needs, and plan a building to meet those needs and, when funds were available, to build an educational building.

No step would take place without the approval of the congregation.

In late 1960, the minister, living in the parsonage, requested to move out. On February 26, 1961, in a resolution, the minister was asked to find and furnish his own quarters, and the church would pay $100 per month as a subsistence allowance. This resolution was made into a motion, seconded, and after discussion passed by a vote of 178 to 13. This action eliminated both steps one and two of the building program. For the first time, since 1953, it seemed the church members were in agreement on which plan to follow.

In a special church conference on February 17, 1963, with Glenn Morris serving as moderator, the congregation voted to employ Tom Osteen as architect for the building program. A study of the present facilities would be made, and recommendations presented for anticipated needs.

On March 31, 1963, the following committees were appointed.

Fund Raising Committee

Glenn Morris, Chairman

Group Captains

Frank Justice	Dr. C. H. Byerly	Dalton Buckner
K. G. Clapp	Lloyd Griffith	Clarence Gilmore
Thomas J. Emerson	Floyd Ingold	Mrs. Margaret Perry
Mrs. Berta McMasters	Mrs. Cecil Budd	Earl Fitts
Mrs. T. H. Grimes	Mrs. Mae Lane	J. S. McIver
Forrest Paschal	Ike Andrews	James Spence, Jr.

Building Committee

J. L. Sheppard, Chairman

Newton Moore	Mrs. Marshall MacDaniel
James L. Morris	Marvin Thompson

A Survey and Planning Committee was named including all persons holding a church office or teaching in the Sunday School.

On November 17, 1963, the church members voted overwhelmingly in favor of constructing a new educational building in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Jack Croft and Associates, Architects of Asheboro, North Carolina, at an estimated cost of approximately $175,000.

The church Members also approved a motion to borrow $100,000 from First Union National Bank of North Carolina, Siler City Branch, with interest on the unpaid balance from time to time at the rate of 5½% per annum.

On December 8, 1963, J. L. Sheppard advised that the low bid on the general contract for the construction of the new educational building, including the steeple, the building of new steps for the front entrance to the sanctuary, and the waterproofing of the basement, was submitted by Van Thomas Contractor, Inc., Siler City, North Carolina.

The ground breaking services for the Educational Building were held during the regular morning worship hour on January 19, 1964, led by the pastor, Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr.

The dedication and open house for the new Educational Building was held March 7, 1965, with lunch in the newly-renovated social hall. This renovation began after the temporary classrooms had been removed from the basement of the church.

Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr. led the congregation in its dedicatory service. Special music was provided by the chancel choir under the direction of Ellihu Sloan. Rev. Julian S. Hopkins delivered the sermon.

Flowers given to adorn the church and new Educational Building for the day were (taken from the church bulletin of March 7, 1965):

The flowers in the sanctuary were placed in memory of C. N. Bray by Mrs. C. N. Bray, Mr. and Mrs. Wade McMasters and Mrs. Nathalia Thomas.

The flowers were placed at the entrance to the sanctuary by Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Dark in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Phillips.

The Philathea Class placed a permanent arrangement in the foyer of the new building.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris placed flowers in memory of the Rev. Reid R. Harris and Roy Harris.

Materials and equipment given to the church in the amount of $10 or more (taken from Church bulletin on March 7, 1965):

E. H. Jordan donated some of the paint for the social hall .

Twelve banquet tables for the social hall were given by

Mr. and Mrs. Fleet Baldwin,
Fleet, Jr., Linda and J. B. Baldwin

Chimes for the steeple were donated by F. J. Boling, Sr., K. G. Clapp, Frank Justice, and Brown Lane.

Dalton Buckner gave 20 chairs for the Primary Department and two Boston rockers for the nursery.

Mrs. Nathalia Thomas donated a crib for the nursery.

H. B. Barbee donated a crib for the nursery.

Glenn and James L. Morris donated 150 folding chairs.

Seventy-four pairs of drapes, at one-half price, were sold to the church by Harris Furniture Company.

A new Stark piano was presented to the Primary Department by Miss Ellen Johnson in memory of her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson.

Forty-eight new tables (sizes nursery to adult) were given by Glenn and James L. Morris.

Curtains for the social hall were given by Paul Tew.

Mrs. James Vestal donated $10 for nursery supplies.

J. S. McIver presented the white marble cornerstone for the new Educational Building.

C. R. Gilmore furnished soft drinks for lunch that day.

In 1961, the parsonage had been renovated to house the church offices and three Sunday school classes. The following improvement and additions have been approved by the church congregation since 1965.

The church roof was repaired by Van Thomas Construction Company in 1973.

The Miller Heating and Air-Conditioning installed new heating and air-conditioning units in the annex for $2,200 in the spring of 1976.

In the Summer of 1976, the Cox Electric Company replaced the wiring in the old part of the church.

In 1977, the fellowship hall was remodeled, including a new ceiling, floor covering, and lighting.

On October 1, 1978, the members of the congregation voted to purchase a 15-passenger van to be used for church activities.

A covered driveway was constructed on the north side of the church for a cost of $23,500 in the Summer and Fall of 1981.

In 1983, the heating system was converted from oil-fired furnace to gas at a cost of $6,868 paid from the building fund.

In December of 1983, an automobile was purchased to be used by the pastor in the furtherance of God's work. The payment was to come from voluntary gifts, and any cost remaining would come from the "Myrtle Teague Carrick Trust Fund".

A trust fund was started in 1972 by Rev. John L. Carrick with $22,200 from his will in memory of his wife. This is in Summit Savings and Loan of Siler City, North Carolina under the name of "Myrtle Teague Carrick Memorial Fund of First Baptist Church of Siler City, North Carolina". The $22,200 can never be spent, only the interest earned.

In 1985, renovation of the church annex was supervised by the House and Grounds Committee. Funds for payment were taken from the Building Fund and Carrick Fund.

In March 1986, the church voted to allocate $3,000 from the Building Fund to repair all windows, doors, and vents in the Educational Building. This included two coats of paint and replacing all putty.

In March 1988, the church members voted to purchase the parking lot beside the annex from Mrs. Helen Buckner for the sum of $27,000. Payment was taken from the Reserve Fund and Carrick Fund.

The First Baptist Church has two other trust funds: The E. S. "Dick" Bridgers Memorial Trust Fund, and the First Baptist Church Trust Fund. Contributors to The First Baptist Trust Fund have been Lafayette Wrenn, Mrs. Mabel Payne, and J. S. McIver.

A scholarship fund in memory of Jay Spence was begun in the church. The scholarship goes to a senior at Jordan-Matthews High School and is granted to a new student each year, renewable for four years.

Church Membership

Memberships are listed for every five years from 1965 to 1988, including 1988.

Year	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
1965	520	120	640
1970	582	92	674
1975	584	105	689
1980	544	160	704
1985	483	185	668
1988	462	183	645

There were 135 baptisms during the 1960's, 139 in the 1970's, and 54, so far, in the 1980's.

In the 1960's, the church gained 310 members and lost 274 members; in the 1970's, 262 members were gained and 187 members lost; in the 1980's, 130 members were gained and 174 members lost.

In the 1960's, 25% of the losses were due to death of members; in the 1970's, 32%; and in the 1980's, 44%.

Financial Growth

Budgets are given for every five years from 1965 and including 1988.

Year	Amount
1965	$ 49,228.41
1970	58,223,40
1975	66,860.00
1980	96,000.00
1985	128,449.00
1988	153.231.00

Sunday School

The following persons served as Sunday School Superintendents from 1962 until the present:

Harold Jacobs	1962-1968
Thomas J. Emerson	1968-1971
Dalton Marsh	1971-1974
Joe Harris	1974-1976
Harold Poteat	1976-1978
Joe Story	1978-1979
James F. Warfford	1979-1986
Mrs. Willis (Diane Bowers) Whitehead	1986-present

The average Sunday School attendance for every five years from 1965, and including 1988, is given below.

Year	Average	Year	Average
1965	277	1980	190
1970	270	1985	200
1975	225	1988	175

The Sunday School Organization
1967 - 1968

General Officers

Superintendent	Harold Jacobs
Associate Superintendent	Murray Andrew
Assistant Superintendent	Joe Harris
General Secretary	C. N. Moore
Assistant General Secretary	James Hill
Recording Secretary	Miss Elma Kelly
Extension Department	

Mrs. E. J. Straughan, Chairman
Mrs. Reid Webster
Mrs. Guy Williams

Nursery I, II, III (0-1-2 years)

Superintendent	Mrs. Nancy Harris

Helpers —Mrs. Jack Brewer, Mrs. Walker Fesmire, Mrs. John D. Phillips Sr., Mrs. Max Sears, Mrs. Jean Gurley, Mrs. Virginia Howard

Nursery IV (3 years)

Superintendent	Mrs. Payne Collins
Associate Superintendent	Mrs. Paul Tew
Helper	Mrs. Reid Marley

Beginner I (4 years)

Superintendent	Mrs. Herbert Smith
Associate Superintendent	Mrs. Floyd Ingold
Secretary	Mrs. John Leonard
Pianist	Mrs. Lester Bradley
Helpers	Mrs. Theresa Bowers
Mrs. M. H. MacDaniel	

Beginner II (5 years)

Superintendent	Mrs. Glenn Russell
Helpers	Mrs. Byron Oldham
	Mrs. Murray Andrew

Primary (6, 7, 8 years)

Superintendent	Mrs. Earl Fitts
Assistant Superintendent	Mrs. Kevin Brower
Secretary	Mrs. Harold Ivey
Assistant Secretary	Mrs. Ossie Buckner

Teachers:

Primary I	Mrs. Ike Andrews, Mrs. Dalton Buckner
Primary II	Mrs. Franklin Altman, Earl Fitts
Primary III	Mrs. Ossie Buckner, Bryant Kennedy
	Mrs. Bryant Kennedy

Junior I (9 and 10 years)

Superintendent	Mrs. Jerry Ward
Assistant Superintendent	Mrs. J. C. Bray
Secretary	Mrs. Mary Hobson
Pianist	Mrs. Kathryn Roe

Teachers:

(9 - G)	Mrs. Frankie Warfford
(9 - B)	Franklin Altman
(10 - G)	Mrs. J. C. Bray
(10 - B)	Unfilled at time

Junior II (11 and 12 years)

Superintendent	Mrs. C. R. Smith, Jr.
Secretary	Mrs. John Gilbert
Pianist	Mrs. E. S. Bridgers

Teachers:

(11 - G)	Mrs. Frances Moricle
(11 - B)	Jessie Watts
(12 -G)	Mrs. E. S. Bridgers
(12 - B)	William Hilton

Intermediates (13 -16 years)

Superintendent	Murray Andrew
Assistant Superintendent	Byron Oldham
Secretary	Miss Helen Siler
(13-14 - G)	Mrs. William Hilton
(15 - G)	Mrs. Naman Albright
(13 - B)	Willis Whitehead
(14 - B)	Thomas Emerson
(15 - B)	Byron Oldham

Single Young People (17 - 24 years)

Superintendent	Thomas Dossenbach
Secretaries	Mrs. Edward Blair
	Mrs. I. G. Cross
Pianist	Mrs. Thomas Dossenbach

Teachers:Mrs. Earle Reeves, J. E. Spence III

Adult I

Superintendent	Fred Brown
Secretary	Mrs. Jack Lane
Assistant Secretary	Mrs. Gordon Rayle
Pianist	Mrs. Margaret Perry

Teachers: Dr. J. L. Carrick, Mrs. William Meekins, Mrs. A. G. Kennedy, Mrs. Bobby Holt

Adult II

Superintendent	Thomas Andrew
Pianist	Mrs. J. E. Spence III
Assistant Pianist	Mrs. James T. Lane

Teachers: Mrs. James T. Lane, Mrs. Harold (Marie) Jacobs

Adult III

Superintendent	Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr.
Pianist	Miss Deborah Lawrence
Chorister	Lloyd Griffith

Teachers: Fleet Baldwin, Roy Edwards, Lloyd Griffith, Glenn Morris, L. T. Dark, Jr.

By the 1977-1978 church year, several changes had occurred in the Sunday School organization.

General Officers

Director	Harold Poteat
Associate Director	Byron Oldham
Assistant Director	C. N. Moore
Recording Secretary	Thomas Andrew

Preschool (0 - 1)

Superintendent	Mrs. Roy Jordan
Helpers:	Mrs. Charles Marsh, Mrs. J. E. Spence III, Mrs. Fleet Baldwin, Jr., Mrs. David Pollok

Preschool (2 yr. olds)

Mrs. Jack Brewer, Mrs. W. O. Carter, Jr., Mrs. Max Sears

Preschool (3 yr. olds)

Mrs. Payne Collins, Mrs. Leonard Smith, Mrs. Robert Rector

Preschool (4 and 5 yr. olds)

Mrs. Harold Poteat, Mrs. Byron Oldham

Children's A (1, 2, 3 grades)

Superintendent	Mrs. John Grimes III
Secretary	Miss Bobbie Rector
Crafts:	Mrs. Kendall Buckner
Teachers:	Mrs. Eugene Hart,
	Mrs. Thomas Emerson

Children's B (4 and 5 grades)

Superintendent	Miss Anita Holt
Assistant Superintendent	David Jacobs
Secretary	Mrs. Ernest Brown
Pianist	Miss Elizabeth McCracken
Teachers:	
(Girls)	Mrs. David McCracken
(Boys)	Bryant Kennedy

Youth A (6, 7, and 8 grades)

Superintendent	Mrs. James F. Warfford	
Secretary	Mrs. Murray Andrew	
Teachers:		
	6 grade boys	Jesse Watts
	6 grade girls	Mrs. Glenn Nicks
	7,8 grade boys	Ed Marsh
	7,8 grade girls	Mrs. Ed Marsh

Youth B (9 - 12 grades)

Secretaries:	Mrs. Edward Blair
	Mrs. I. G. Cross
Teachers:	Dr. Paul Powell, Mrs. Paul Powell,
	Skeet Ayscue, Mrs. Skeet (Joe O'Neal) Ayscue

Ministers

Until 1962, no pastor had served the First Baptist Church of Siler City more than seven years. Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr. was called to pastor the church in 1962. He became the 23rd pastor called by the church, and is now in his 27th year of service.

Rev. Casper Rei Smith, Jr.
1925-

Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr.

C. R. Smith, Jr., son of Casper Rei Smith, Sr. and Nora Ellison Smith, was born May 5, 1925, near Williamston, Anderson County, South Carolina, He was reared on a farm, began his education in Williamston, and graduated from Williamston High School in 1943.

C. R. Smith, Jr. was drafted into the army, during World War II, on April 28, 1944. He served in Europe on the battle line and soon found himself in charge of a squad of infantrymen. On Christmas day, December 25, 1944, Sgt. Smith and his squad of seven men were overrun by German troops. Those who survived were taken prisoner and placed in a POW camp. It was approximately three months before they were liberated by the American Forces.

Soon after being discharged from the Army, C. R. Smith, Jr. met and later married Miss Dorothy Ashley, May 30, 1946, in a home wedding in Williamston, South Carolina. Rev. and Mrs. Smith have one son, Randal Rei Smith, married to the former Janice Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. Smith live in Fort Myers, Florida.

Mr. Smith received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Furman University in 1951. He began his Seminary studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, later transferring to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, where he received the Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1957. He received his clinical pastoral training at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, during this time. In 1970, Rev. Smith completed work for the Master of Divinity degree at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Rev. Smith began his pastoral work at Sandy Springs Baptist Church, Pelzer, South Carolina in 1952. He pastored Bonlee Baptist Church, Bonlee, North Carolina, from 1954 to 1957, while he was attending school. From 1957 to 1960, he was pastoring the Haywood Avenue Baptist Church, Barnwell, South Carolina.

Rev. and Mrs. Smith went to Hawaii as missionaries, and Rev. Smith pastored the Kahului Baptist Church, Maui, Hawaii from 1960 to 1962.

Rev. Smith has served as moderator for the Sandy Creek Association for two years and served on the General Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention for four years.

The many accomplishments noted in this chapter of the church history have come about with his outstanding leadership.

On June 15, 1980, a Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., and Family Appreciation Day was held. A regular worship service was presented with the Rev. Bruce McIver delivering the sermon. A gift to the family was presented by John Glenn Morris, Jr. Comments of love and appreciation were expressed by Glenn Phillips, Jr., Mrs. Thelma Meekins, Miss Melody Dossenbach, Harold Jacobs, and Thomas J. Emerson.

In a special worship service June 28, 1987, Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Smith, Jr., were honored on their 25th anniversary with the First Baptist Church. Remarks were given by Jack Arthur Moody, and a surprise gift, a trip to the Holy Land, was presented by James E. Spence, III.

Deacons

In a special conference on August 27, 1978, two changes were voted favorably by the congregation: first, the expansion of the Deacon nomination list to include all adult resident members; second, the six new deacons each year would be elected from a list of the 12 top names nominated rather than 18, which had been the policy to date.

1962
Thomas Emerson
Don Hart
Dr. Earl Parker

1963
Fred Brown

1964
Charles Davis

1965
Glen Russell
J. E. Spence III
Willis Whitehead
Bryant Kennedy

1966
Thomas Dossenbach
William Hilton

1967
Cecil Budd
Byron Oldham

1968
Franklin Altman
Garland Bray

1969
Kendall Buckner
John Glenn Morris, Jr.
Glenn Nicks

1970
Bruce Clark
Marshall MacDaniel

1971
Dalton Marsh
Bobby Sizemore

1972
David Jacobs
Charles Marsh

1973
Naman "Pete" Albright
James F. Warfford

1974
Roy Jordan

1975
David McCracken
Glenn Phillips
Harold Poteat

1976
J. C. Bray

1977
Ronnie Brookbank
Payne Collins

1978
No new deacons

1979
Timothy Nance
Leonard Smith

1980
Mrs. Jack Brewer
David Pollok
Dr. Paul Powell

1981
Bob Whittington

1982
Mrs. Harold Allred

1983
Kendall Cumbee
John Franklin Grimes III
Mrs. Thelma Meekins

1984
David Hamm
Bill Long

1985
Jack Moody
Lewis Phillips

1987
Mrs. Jennie Bridgers
James D. Lane

1988
Miss Sylvia Burns

Messengers to the Sandy Creek Association

1962 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. C. R. Smith, Jr., Ullin Bivins, Ellihu Sloan, Mrs. L. P. Dixon, Mrs. Elwood Sharpe, Mrs. Herbert Andrew

1963 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. C. R. Smith, Jr., Ellihu Sloan, W. R. Fitts, Sr., Mrs. W. R. Fitts, Sr., Fred Paschal, Dalton Buckner

1964 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. C. R. Smith, Jr., W. R. Fitts, Sr., Mrs. W. R. Fitts, Sr., Ellihu Sloan, Dalton Buckner, Fred Paschal

1965 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. C. R. Smith, Jr., W. R. Fitts, Sr., Mrs. W. R. Fitts, Sr., Fred Paschal, Dalton Buckner, Mrs. L. P. Dixon, Fred Brown, Mrs. Earl Fitts, Mrs. Lafayette Wrenn

1966 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. L. P. Dixon, Mrs. Herbert Andrew, Mrs. Harold Allred, W. R. Fitts, Sr., Mrs. W. R. Fitts, Sr., Fred Paschal, Dalton Buckner, Elwood Sharpe

1967 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. C. R. Smith, Jr., W. R. Fitts, Sr., Mrs. Frankie Warfford, Mrs. Harold (Marie) Jacobs, Mrs. E. J. Johnson

1968 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. B. B. Buckner, Mrs. W. O. Carter, Sr., Mrs. E. J. Johnson, Mrs. Byron Oldham

1969 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. E. J. Johnson, W. R. Fitts, Sr., Mrs. W. R. Fitts, Sr., Dalton Buckner, Mrs. Byron Oldham

1970 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. E. J. Johnson, Mrs. Byron Oldham, Mrs. L. P. Dixon

1971 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. E. J. Johnson, Mrs. Byron Oldham, Mrs. Jack Brewer, Mrs. W. O. Carter, Sr.

1972 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. Nellie Seals, Mrs. T. H. Grimes, Mrs. E. J. Johnson, Mrs. Herbert Andrew, George Whitehead
1973 Mrs. T. H. Grimes, Mrs. E. J. Johnson, Mrs. L. P. Dixon, Mrs. Herbert Andrew, Mrs. Nellie Seals
1974 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. C. R. Smith, Jr., W. R. Fitts, Sr., Mrs. W. R. Fitts, Sr., Mrs. Jack Brewer, Mrs. E. J. Johnson, Mrs. Byron Oldham
1975 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. L. P. Dixon, Mrs. E. J. Johnson, Mrs. T. H. Grimes, Mrs. Byron Oldham, Mrs. Jack Brewer, Mrs. W. E. Sharpe, Mrs. Herbert Andrew
1976 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. Nellie Seals, Mrs. L. P. Dixon
1977 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. Byron Oldham, Mrs. T. H. Grimes, Mrs. W. O. Carter, Sr., Mrs. E. J. Johnson
1978 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr.
1979 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. E. J. Johnson, Mrs. Byron Oldham, Mrs. Jack Brewer, Mrs. T. H. Grimes
1980 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. Jack Brewer, Mrs. Byron Oldham
1981 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., H. G. Phillips
1982 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. E. J. Johnson, Mrs. Jack Brewer, Mrs. Byron Oldham, Mrs. Thomas Andrew, Miss Sarah Ivill
1983 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. Jack Brewer, Mrs. Thomas Andrew
1984 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. Jack Brewer, Mrs. Thomas Andrew
1985 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. Jack Brewer, Mrs. Thomas Andrew, Mrs. Byron Oldham, Earle Reeves
1986 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. Jack Brewer, Mrs. Thomas Andrew, Mrs. Marie Dunlap, Mrs. Charlie Hackney
1987 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. Charlie Hackney, Mrs. Marie Dunlap, Mrs. Jack Brewer, Mrs. Thomas Andrew, Mrs. Mae Lane, Mrs. Theresa Bowers
1988 Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., Mrs. Thomas Andrew, Mrs. Theresa Bowers, Mrs. Marie Dunlap, Mrs. Estelle Hackney, Mrs. Mae Lane, Mrs. Max Sprinkle

Trustees

The trustees elected for the church since 1961 are:

John Glenn Morris, Sr.	October 1, 1966
Thomas Emerson	October 1, 1971
Mrs. Glenna Grimes	October 1, 1980
J. E. Spence III	October 1, 1981
Jack Moody	October 1, 1984

Church Treasurer

In a special conference, November 23, 1980, the congregation voted J. C. Bray as treasurer to replace Dalton K. Buckner who passed away October 26, 1980.

Church Clerk

Mrs. Byron (Nancy Clapp) Oldham became the church clerk in 1970 and still holds that position.

Church and Financial Secretaries

Mrs. Glen (Joyce Huggins) Russell was employed in the Fall of 1965. Mrs. Russell was the daughter of O. M. and Vernie McDaniels Huggins of Fairmont, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Russell moved to Siler City, North Carolina and joined the First Baptist Church, July 7, 1964. Mr. Russell was a corporal with the North Carolina State Highway Patrol. In 1967, Mr. Russell was promoted and transferred to Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Mrs. Russell received her education at Meredith College and Fayetteville Technical College, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell have four children, are retired, and living in Cary, North Carolina.

Our present secretary, Mrs. Byron (Nancy Clapp) Oldham, was employed in the Fall of 1967. Mrs. Oldham is the daughter of the late Raymond and Ruby Edwards Clapp of the Rocky River Baptist Church area. She received her Business Education at Woman's College (now the University of North Carolina at Greensboro).

Mrs. Oldham moved her membership from Rocky River Baptist Church to the First Baptist Church, April 23, 1967. Her husband has been a member since 1945.

Mr. and Mrs. Oldham have two children; Mrs. Paul (Pamela Oldham) Tew, Jr. of Kernersville, North Carolina, and Benjamin B. Oldham of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and two grandchildren.

Church Library

Until 1965, church library books were kept in the Pastor's Study, and most of the books had been given as memorial gifts. Some of the former pastors had donated books. The Pastor's Study contained shelves on one end and part of one side. The first librarian was Mrs. James T. (Mae Marshburn) Lane who was elected for the 1961-1962 church year. She worked from the Pastor's Study.

When the educational wing of the church was built, a church library was planned close to the center of the entire church building.

In the mid-seventies, the church subscribed to one of the Broadman Reader's Plans, receiving three books each quarter. The topics were usually on current issues in politics, theology, and ethics. After this plan was dropped, the Round Table Book Club was subscribed. This was encouraged by the Woman's Missionary Union and mostly supported by them.

On October 1, 1983, Mrs. Thomas (Ruth Thames) Andrew was elected librarian in charge of selection, correspondence, and circulation. Mrs. Lane became the assistant librarian in charge of processing.

In the mid-sixties, the church began budgeting $100 for library books and supplies. This year (1989) the allotment is $300. The number of volumes has reached approximately 1,350.

Other Ministries

Baptist Senior Adult Program

The program was organized in the late 1960's, led by Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr., and named "Joy In The Morning Club". The group met in the Church Fellowship Hall on the fourth Thursday of each month for an informal meeting of fun, fellowship, and refreshments. Several trips were taken by chartered bus to Charleston, South Carolina; Florida; Silver Spring, Maryland; Cape Canaveral; and Disney World. Meetings were discontinued when the group could no longer furnish transportation. Rev. and Mrs. Smith entertained the group with a Christmas meeting in their home for several years.

In 1979, Mrs. Thomas Andrew became the Senior Adult Leader. Meetings were resumed each month on the fourth Tuesday in the Church Fellowship Hall. A light, wholesome meal was served after each meeting. Trips were taken, on meeting days, in the church van. A birthday, get-well, and sympathy card ministry was begun and maintained.

In 1983, the group began meeting every Tuesday morning for crafts, board games, fellowship, and refreshments. The fourth Tuesdays are reserved for the club meetings and lunch.

Outgoing Missionaries

In this time period, the First Baptist Church of Siler City ordained three men for the gospel ministry. George Thomas Karl, a Youth Director at the time, was ordained on September 14, 1976. Glenn Franklin Phillips, Jr. was ordained on April 13, 1980, and Earle Reeves, Minister of Music, was ordained on April 27, 1980. (See the music program in this chapter for a biography of Mr. Reeves.)

Four of the church's young people chose a vocation in church music—Dana Sloan, Barbara Liles, Charlene Brewer and Thomas William Andrew.

Rev. George Thomas Karl
1951 -

George Thomas Karl, son of Henry Thomas and Kathleen Ann (Redinger) Karl, was born November 13, 1951, in Baltimore, Maryland. He graduated from Frederick High School, Frederick, Maryland; received a Bachelor of Science degree from Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia; a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina; and a Master of Arts degree in Education from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, Virginia.

Rev. George Karl pastored a church in Petersburg, Virginia, for one year.

He was employed by the Richmond Memorial Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, as a Hospital Chaplain in 1981. In 1984, he was employed by Saint Joseph Hospital, Parkersburg, West Virginia, as an instructor to train ministers to be chaplains.

Rev. George Karl is married to Mary N. Baitty and they have one daughter.

Rev. George Karl

Rev. Glenn Phillips, Jr.

Rev. Glenn Franklin Phillips, Jr.
1957 -

Glenn Franklin Phillips, Jr., son of Glenn Franklin Sr. and Gladys (Maples) Phillips, was born April 23, 1957, in Siler City, North Carolina.

He was educated in the Siler City Schools and graduated from Jordan-Matthews High School in May, 1975. He did his undergraduate work at Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, North Carolina. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Religion, in May 1979. Mr. Phillips enrolled at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, and received a Master of Divinity degree in May 1982. His major was Religious Education.

Mr. Phillips became a Minister of Youth, First Baptist Church, Henderson, North Carolina, in June 1979. After graduating in 1982, Rev. Phillips became a Family Life Minister and worked in this capacity until 1985. He was, then, elected as Associate Minister, First Baptist Church, Henderson, North Carolina, and soon will be completing 10 years with the church.

Rev. Glenn Phillips is married to the former Allyson Wilson and they have two sons, Joshua Phillips and Rob Phillips.

Dana Hugh Sloan
1947 -

Dana Hugh Sloan, son of Ellihu E. and Mozelle Templeton Sloan, was born September 25, 1947, in Baltimore, Maryland.

Dana Sloan is a 1965 graduate of Jordan-Matthews High School. He attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and transferred to the Ohio State University where he completed his Bachelor of Music degree. He later attended the University of Illinois where he earned the Master of Music degree in organ performance and choral conducting.

He is married to the former Lucinda Heck of Cleveland, Ohio, an Associate Professor of Music at Midland Lutheran College. They are the parents of two children, Ryan Sloan and Ashley Sloan.

Mr. Sloan is Minister of Music at the Presbyterian Church of the Cross, Omaha, Nebraska, a position he has held for the past 14 years. In this Position, he is responsible for the direction of several singing and handbell choirs in addition to the Concord Brass,

Dana H. Sloan

the church's brass quintet-in-residence. He is also the church's organist, playing the recently-installed McFarland-Beaudry organ, a reconstruction of a 19th century American organ.

His career has been wide-ranging both in and out of the church. As a choral conductor, he has had the opportunity to conduct many works with orchestral accompaniment, as organist, and harpsichordist, he has played recitals throughout the midwest, both solo and ensemble, including an appearance as soloist with the Omaha Symphony Chamber Orchestra. He appears frequently as a vocal accompanist, and last spring, performed with baritone, Robert Bailey, in the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, South Carolina.

Mr. Sloan has also been active in the life of the Presbyterian Church at a level beyond the local parish. He planned and directed the 1982 Montreat Conference on worship and music. He has also served on the leadership teams of worship and music. He has also served on the leadership teams of workshops for Intergenerational Worship and The Use of Psalms in Worship.

Mrs. Barbara Marley

Barbara Sue Liles
1948-

Barbara Sue Liles was born August 22, 1948, and is the daughter of the late M. Ray Liles and Ida May Nance Liles of Siler City, North Carolina.

Miss Liles was educated in the Siler City Schools and graduated from Jordan-Matthews High School in May, 1966. She entered the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, married Danny Elliott Marley of Siler City and, later, returned to the University to complete a Bachelor of Music degree in 1981.

Mrs. Marley was an organ and piano student of Ellihu Sloan for several years and for one year with Earle Reeves. She was a piano student of Robert Dornell of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

For nearly 15 years, Mrs. Marley has been the part-time organist and choir director for the First United Methodist Church, Siler City, North Carolina. She is, also, a private music teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Marley have one daughter, Dianne Marley, who is a second year student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Charlene Brewer Sullivan
1955-

Miss Charlene Brewer, daughter of Jack Monroe Sr. and Mildred Jane (Hussey) Brewer, was born August 22, 1955, in Siler City, North Carolina.

Miss Brewer was educated in the Siler City schools, graduating from Jordan-Matthews High School in May, 1973. She graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree from Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in May 1977. She was recommended by the First Baptist Church of Siler City to attend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, to study church music in 1977. She received a Master of Church degree in 1979 from the Seminary.

On April 5, 1980, Miss Charlene Brewer was married to Richard Davis Sullivan, and they have three sons, Patrick Davis Sullivan, Daniel Caleb Sullivan, and Michael Tiras Sullivan.

Mrs. Sullivan was a private piano teacher from 1979-1984. She has been part-time organist and choir director for Saint Alban's Episcopal Church, Louisville, Kentucky, and Montlieu Avenue Methodist Church, High Point, North Carolina. In 1988, she became the organist for the Green Street Baptist Church in High Point, North Carolina.

Mrs. Charlene B. Sullivan

Thomas William Andrew
1957-

Thomas William Andrew, son of Herbert Thomas and Ruth Thames Andrew, was born January 8, 1957, in Siler City, North Carolina.

Tommy Andrew was educated in the Siler City Schools, graduating from Jordan-Matthews High School in May 1975. He entered Wake Forest University and received a Bachelor of Music degree with a major in organ, May, 1979.

During his last two years in high school, Tommy Andrew was organist for the First United Methodist Church, Siler City, North Carolina. While at Wake Forest University, he was an organist for three churches in the Winston-Salem area.

In 1979, Mr. Andrew was employed by the Newcomer, Lewis, and Hitchcock Organ Company, as a factory representative, service repairer, and tuner of pipe organs, and still is an employee of the company.

In 1980, he became the organist for the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, Silver Spring, Maryland.

In 1984, he was employed as organist for the Potomac United Methodist Church, Potomac, Maryland.

On August 18, 1984, Thomas W. Andrew married the former Miss Judy Ann Greer.

Thomas W. Andrew

Baptist Women

Through the years, names of circles have changed as foreign missionaries returned home, as memberships have changed, as circles became too large or too small due to inactive members, and as interests in emphasis of study changed. In 1968-69, the circles became groups. The Mary Hester Powell, organized in 1939, and the Virginia Highfill group in the mid-fifties, have remained until the present, with the same missions in mind.

Groups in 1968-69 were: Mary Hester Powell, Virginia Highfill, Applewhite, Ernelle Brooks, Violet Cain, Ernest Glass, Samuel James, Calhoun Johnson, Harriet Lennon, and Moorefield.

The following changes have occurred: The Applewhite Group was active until 1981-82. Some of the members joined the Spence Group.

The Ernelle Brooks Group was active until 1976-77. This group divided between the Robert Roberts and the Calhoun Johnson Group. The Calhoun Johnson Group changed to the Barrow Group in 1979-80.

The Violet Cain Group, composed of former Highfill members, joined with members of the Harriet Lennon Group to form the Parker Group, 1970-71.

Circles 1, 2, and 3 became the Franks Circle in 1960-61. The Franks Circle changed to Moorefield Circle in 1963-64. The Moorefield Circle changed to the Marjorie Spence group in 1973, and remained active through 1983-84.

The Samuel James circle was organized in 1965-66 and changed to the Phyllis Thomas Group in 1982-83.

The Faith Group was organized in 1987.

The W.M.U. presidents are given below for the years 1963 to the present:

Mrs. Herbert Tarter	1964-65
Mrs. Harold Allred	1965-69
W.M.S. President	1969-70
Mrs. Mae M. Lane	1970-72
W.M.S. President	1970-72
Mrs. Nellie Seals	1972-74
W.M.S. President	1972-74
Mrs. C. R. Smith, Jr.	1974-75
W.M.S. President	1974-75

The Woman's Missionary Society changed its name to Baptist Women in 1975.

	W.M.U. Director	Baptist Women Director
1975-76	Mrs. C. R. Smith, Jr.	Mrs. James Warfford
1976-81	Mrs. Jack Brewer	Mrs. Thelma Meekins
1981-84	Mrs. John Grimes	Mrs. Bobby Wood
1984-86	Mrs. Dan McMasters	Mrs. Dan McMasters
1986-88	Mrs. Judy Morris	Mrs. Judy Morris
1988-89	Miss Sylvia Burns	Miss Sylvia Burns

The present missions groups are:

Group	Leader	Missionary	Country	Membership
Barrow	Mrs. Mary Hobson	Joe & Faye Barrow	Tanzania	13
Thomas	Mrs. James Warfford	Phyllis Thomas	Chile	14
Highfill	Mrs. Bobby Holt	Virginia Highfill	Japan	16
Parker	Mrs. Shirley White	Keith Parker	Switzerland	11
Powell	Mrs. Mae M. Lane	Mary Hester Powell	Nigeria	14
Roberts	Mrs. Theresa Bowers	Robert Roberts	Uraguay	20
Faith	Mrs. J. E. Spence, III	Bill & Marge Shipman	Haiti	12

The W.M.U. sponsors and encourages group participation in various phases of mission work such as: fund raising for state, home, and foreign missions; regular remembrance of shut-ins during the year through card ministry and visitation; health and clothing fund for needy children; participation in the "Phillip C" project at Murdock Center, Butner, North Carolina; prayer retreats; an annual project for the women at Central Prison, Raleigh, North Carolina; and participation in the Baptist Children's Home Christmas Gift program.

Other projects that have been completed by the response of all the circles are; contributions to the building fund for the chapel for retarded persons; dishwasher for the Keith Parker family; crate mission for Chile; medical aid for a seriously injured child needing braces and eye surgery; contributions for bandages to be used for leper patients in Antigua; money donated for the quadraplegic in South America who needed a motorized wheel chair; and "Christmas in August" box sent for several years to the Papego Indian Reservation in Arizona. Projects completed by individual groups are stated in the group reports.

Mary Hester Powell Group

During her year as president of the W.M.U. in 1939, Mrs. Colin Churchill organized the Powell Group. This Circle was the original Business Woman's Circle (BWC#1).

The group was named in honor of Mary Hester Powell, missionary nurse, serving in Nigeria, Africa. Miss Powell is now retired and lives in Warsaw, North Carolina.

Mrs. Berta B. McMasters and Mrs. Glenn Morris served as the first two leaders of the circle—Mrs. Morris serving seven consecutive years.

In 1956, the group sponsored the project of selling commemorative plates of the church.

The group is very generously supporting all mission action projects of the W.M.U.

Virginia Highfill Group

This group was named for the Winston-Salem resident who was a missionary in Japan for many years. Miss Highfill now works through the Baptist State Convention with Japanese-speaking persons in many areas of North Carolina.

As a Mission Action Group, they choose and complete a project each month and regularly participate in all W.M.U.projects.

Parker Mission Group

The Parker Group is a Mission Action Group. Action is seen in helping needy families and providing refreshments each week for the Alcoholic Anonymous meeting.

Close contact is kept with the Keith Parker family. Household goods have been provided for them, and handiworks are sent to them each Christmas to give out to the people of Switzerland.

Roberts Mission Group

During the past 20 years, the group has been very active in all church and W.M.U. related fund raising activities. As a group, they donated money to purchase Bibles for the Baptist Children's Home. They made lap covers for the ladies at Lindley Rest Home, bought supplies for Mrs. Rowland Thomas Special Education Class, sent money to the Christian Home in Pittsboro, and to the Billy Graham Crusade.

They have collected items for the Odum Children's Home in Pembroke, North Carolina, and have been very generous in their love offerings to Mr. Roberts, whose wife is ill, and as a result of her illness, they will be forced to give up their mission work in Uruguary, South America. The group is thinking in terms of helping a new missionary family and renaming their group.

Barrow Mission Group

The Barrow Group was named for Dr. and Mrs. C. Joe (Faye Hardy) Barrow in 1979. Dr. Barrow is the nephew of Mrs. Myrtle Brown and is a Professor in the Baptist Seminary, Arjsha, Tanzania.

The group keeps in touch with the Barrow family throughout the year with cards and letters and sends monetary gifts for Christmas and graduation. The Barrows have three children. Their two daughters are presently students at Harden-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas.

The Barrow Group actively participates in all W.M.U. projects.

Phyllis Thomas Group

As the Samuel James Group, they were a very active mission group. They sponsored children's programs at Christmas and Easter, they cooked or took food to a rest home at Thanksgiving, and would visit a shut-in before each group meeting.

When Samuel James left the mission field, the group took the name of Phyllis Thomas and became a Bible Study Group. They support Miss Thomas with prayers and monetary gifts at Christmas and on birthdays.

Faith Mission Group

The Faith Mission Group was organized in January, 1987, with an enrollment of 12 members. Projects have been a love offering gift to their missionaries, Bill and Marge Shipman; a love offering to Hunt Dunlap for summer christian work; and love gifts of clothes and college supplies for the 1988 recipient of the Jay Spence Memorial Scholarship.

They also visit and provide refreshments for residents of the Liselotte Rest Home.

Acteens

Acteens is a missions organization for girls ages 12 through 17. Acteens means action and teenager. Thus, it is a group of teenagers actively involved in practicing the presence of Christ and serving Him through the church.

Through Acteens, girls develop skills in leadership and planning. A strong Acteen organization is built on prayer. These young girls are given the opportunity to minister and witness to people in the community as well as around the world. The girls teach missions, pray for missionaries, and give money to begin or continue ministries.

On May 7, 1972, a Recognition Service was held in honor of Mrs. C. R. (Dorothy A.) Smith, Jr., sponsored by the Acteens. Words of appreciation were given by Miss Mary John Baxley, Mrs. T. H. Grimes, Mrs. James T. Lane, Mrs. Harold Allred, Rev. C.R.Smith, Jr., and Randal Smith. Miss Robin Seals presented Mrs. Smith's life story. Others taking part in the program were, Miss Cindy Thorne, Miss Sandra Hall, Miss Sara Lynn Fitts, Miss Sheree Fesmire, Miss Yvonne Andrew, Miss Sharon Dark, Miss Lisa Dark, and Miss Kimberly Kennedy.

Girls In Action

Girls In Action is a missions organization for girls ages 6 through 11. Girls learn about missionaries in our county, state, nation, and around the world.

G.A.'s meet twice a month at the First Baptist Church. During the meeting, girls work on Mission Adventures.

This is an individual achievement plan consisting of activities to help girls learn about and become involved in missions. Awards may be given for completed mission adventure work.

Included below are some of the awards that have been given to G.A.'s or Acteens. The structure of the youth missions organizations was changed in 1970.

Three young ladies of our church have reached the top in achievement in the Youth Missions, Queen Regent-in-Service. They were Connie Gilbert, Mary John Baxley, and Deborah Lawrence. Louise Allred received the Queen With Scepter award. Prior to this, awards may have been given, but no records were left about any others and no one came forth with any additional information.

Connie Lee Gilbert

Miss Connie Lee Gilbert is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John R. Gilbert. Miss Gilbert is married to Danny Jackson and is a guidance counselor with the schools in Roxboro, North Carolina. They have two children.

Deborah Lawrence

Miss Deborah Earle Lawrence is the daughter of Mrs. Julia Nell Byerly Lawrence and the late Bill Lawrence.

Miss Lawrence is married to William Love and they have two sons, and a daughter.

Mary John Baxley

Miss Mary John Baxley is the daughter of the late Dr. Raiford D. and Mary Vestal Baxley. She is the granddaughter of John and Frances Dorsett Vestal of Mount Vernon Springs.

Miss Baxley is now Dr. Mary John Baxley and is practicing private medicine in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Louise Katherine Allred

Miss Louise Katherine Allred is the daughter of Edward and Thelma Pendergrass Allred.

Miss Allred is married to Wallace Lee Earley and they live in Durham, North Carolina. Mrs. Earley is employed as a coordinator of the Clarke Check Company.

On May 22, 1988, the Acteens held a coronation in which seven girls had reached the level of queen. Their directors were Mrs. Douglas Deaton and Mrs. Barbara McMasters.

Pictured (l to r):
Mrs. Douglas Deaton, Director, Miss Kathryn Powell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Powell, Miss Anna Christine Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith, Miss Carla McMasters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan McMasters, Miss Gina Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McMasters, Miss Mary Douglas Deaton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Deaton Miss Emily Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Phillips, Miss Loretta Whitehead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Whitehead, Mrs. Joe McMasters, Director

Men's Breakfast

Several laymen of the church became interested in organizing a Men's Group so a ham and egg breakfast was planned for January 15, 1984, at 7:30 A.M. There were 48 men present for the first breakfast. Bill Long was elected president.

Bill Long was with the North Carolina State Highway Patrol and was transferred in December, 1985. Joe Mueller, then became president and remains in that position.

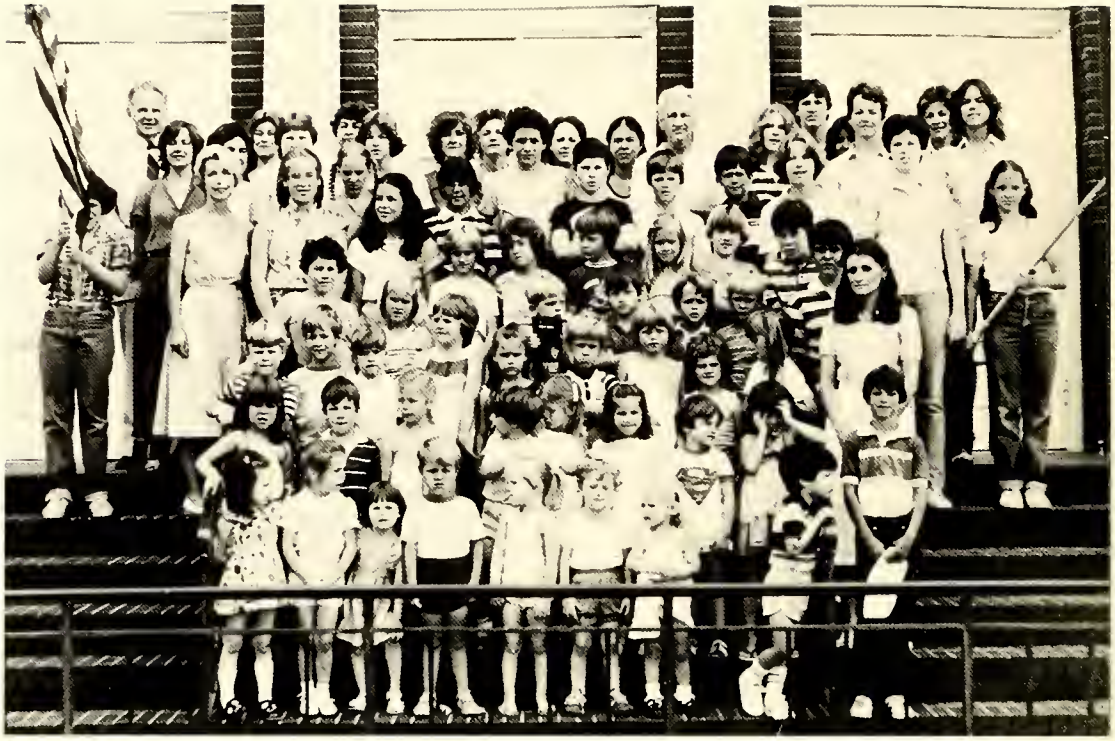
The group meets each third Sunday morning for breakfast and fellowship. The average attendance is about 35.

On the third Sunday before Easter, the family of each member is invited for breakfast and fellowship.

Bible School

The Bible School continues each summer during this period for a five day session. The directors and co-directors of the Bible School are listed below:

Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr.	1962-1970
Mrs. Byron Oldham	1971-1976
Mrs. Jimmy Vann	1977, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1984
Mrs. Willis Whitehead	1978, 1979, 1983
Mrs. Dick Spain	1980, 1981
Mrs. Charles Marsh	1982, 1984
Miss Sarah Ivill	1983
William Green	1985
Mr. and Mrs. David Hamm	1986, 1987, 1988
Mrs. Lewis Phillips	For 1989



Bible School - 1980

Gifts

Time and space do not permit the listing of all material and monetary gifts to the church. Two very early gifts and those with the Church Sanctuary and Educational Building, as stated in the bulletin for the dedication of each, have been cited.

A special gift record book is being placed in the Heritage Room.

Youth Directors

In 1968, the first discussion was held in a deacon's meeting concerning the need for a Youth Director. Some of the proponents for this cause were: Elwood Sharpe, Forrest Paschal, Kendall Buckner, Dalton Buckner, Glenn Nicks and Tom Dossenbach. The motion was made to hire a part-time Youth Director to see how the program would work. The search began early in 1971.

John Collingwood was called as a part-time Director May 30, 1971. He worked each weekend during the summer. On April 23, 1972, he was called again on a regular basis during the summer for four days a week for 10 weeks. He was a student at Campbell University, Buies Creek, North Carolina, and graduated in 1972.

Tim Quigg was called as Youth Director on April 4, 1974. He worked six or seven weeks during the summer of 1974.

George Karl was called March 23, 1975 to begin part-time work on April 6. He was a student at Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina. He remained in this position almost two years.

Miss Wanda Jo O'Neal was called as a full-time Youth and Educational Director on July 17, 1977. She remained two years.

During the first seven years, the Youth Group worked very diligently to raise money to take trips for fun, recreation and fellowship. The trip record is shown below:

		1974	New York, New York
1972	Niagara Falls	1975	Disney World, Florida
1973	Disney World, Florida	1977	Six Flags Over Georgia

1972 Youth Group

On September 23, 1979, Miss Phyllis Rudd was called to work on weekends as a Youth Director.

On June 8, 1980, the church called Sarah Ivill of Charlotte, North Carolina, as a full-time Youth and Educational Director. She resigned Februrary 20, 1983.

William Lee Greene was called on April 29, 1984, as a part-time Youth Director. He worked on weekends during the school year and full-time during the summer.

On March 24, 1985, the church called David Hamm as Youth Director on a part-time basis. He worked on weekends and full-time during the summer. At the time, he was Assistant Principal at Siler City Elementary School. His parents are Charles and Virginia McCrary Hamm of Rt. 3, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

The present part-time Youth Director is Mrs. Joel (Susan Kirkland) Hunnicutt, called by the church on May 29, 1988. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from the University of South Carolina in 1984. She is the daughter of James R. and Jane Riggsby Kirkland.

Baptist Training or Church Training

During the sixties, the Baptist Training leaders were: Charles Davis, Mrs. Glenn Russell, Bryant Kennedy, Franklin Altman, and Bill Hilton. The average membership was about 50 students.

In the seventies, the youth program, for the most part, took the place of the training program. By 1978, the Baptist Training Union had only 14 enrolled. In 1979, the name of the organization changed from Baptist Training to Church Training. For the next five years, there was no training program.

In the Church Training program, more leeway was given for counting memberships. Any group meeting on Sunday evening could be counted. At present, there is one training group of boys and girls, six to eight years old. Eight members are enrolled and the group is led by Mrs. C. R. Smith, Jr. and Mrs. John Morris. There are two youth groups led by the Youth Director, Mrs. Joel Hunnicutt. The combined enrollment is 25. The evening service of Bible Study for adults is also counted as church training.

Music

Ellihu Sloan directed the choirs until August 1, 1965. During the late fifties, Miss Carolyn Craven was his piano accompanist for the youth choirs. She sang in the Chancel Choir and occasionally played the organ for Mr. Sloan.

In the early sixties, three of Mr. Sloan's students, Dana Sloan, Miss Ann Liles, and Miss Barbara Liles, began to assist him by playing the piano for the choirs. During this time, these three with Miss Cindy Griffith, Eddie Blair, and Gordon Jacobs, formed a combo, directed by Mr. Sloan. Cindy and Barbara played a clarinet; Ann, the flute; Gordon,

the trumpet; Dana, the trombone; and Eddie, the drums. Before they graduated from high school, Ann, Barbara, and Dana were playing the organ sometimes for the Chancel Choir.

One of the most memorable programs probably ever performed by the Chancel Choir was presented on March 22, 1964. The cantata was entitled, "The Seven Last Words of Christ", by Theodore Dubois. Joseph O. Stroud was the Guest Conductor with Ellihu Sloan, the director of music and organist. Mrs. Mark Ollington had returned to be the soprano soloist. Thomas F. Johnson was invited as the tenor soloist and Thomas Andrew was the baritone soloist. Miss Barbara Liles was the pianist. Chairs were brought in to seat the overflowing crowd who had gathered to hear the performance.

Ellihu Sloan resigned his position to accept the same position with the First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina. Mrs. Margaret Perry filled in until another director would be called.

Earle Reeves accepted a call as Minister of Music for the First Baptist Church of Siler City and began work on November 16, 1965, and is our present director.

John Earle Reeves

John Earle Reeves
1927 -

John Earle Reeves, son of Henry Oscar and Mary Gertrude Criminger Reeves, was born on May 10, 1927, in Heath Springs, Lancaster County, South Carolina.

He attended schools in Heath Springs and graduated from Heath Springs High School in 1944. In 1945, he joined the United States Navy and remained one year. After his discharge, he entered the University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1950.

Mr. Reeves attended the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky from 1954 to 1956, receiving a Master of Sacred Music degree.

On December 13, 1953, Earle Reeves married the former Miss Barbara Perry of Charlotte, North Carolina, and they have two sons, David Mark Reeves and Todd Brandon Reeves.

After the seminary, Mr. Reeves served as the Minister of Music and Church Organist for five churches: North Side Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, 1956-1957; First Baptist Church, Gaffney, South Carolina, 1957-1960; First Baptist Church, South Boston, Virginia, 1960-1964; First Baptist Church, Concord, North Carolina, 1965-1965; and First Baptist Church, Siler City, North Carolina, 1965 to present.

Mr. Reeves was ordained as a minister of the gospel, April 27, 1980, by the First Baptist Church of Siler City.

Earle Reeves and the Chancel Choir have presented a Christmas and Easter cantata each year, and prepared an anthem for each Sunday. They provide music for revivals and other special occasions.

The Youth Choir, beginning with about 25 members, was very active during the sixties and seventies. The Youth Choir reached its peak in 1974-75 with a total of 36 members. The Youth Choir presented a musical, "Joseph's Amazing Technicolor Coat", and a musical drama, "Priority", during the seventies. The Youth Choir often sang selections for the evening worship service.

In the early to mid seventies, Tommy Andrew and Miss Elizabeth McCracken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David McCracken, were assisting Earle Reeves in playing for different choirs and, sometimes, playing the organ.

In 1973, the church received a set of handbells, named the Paschal Memorial Handbells, purchased from the memorials given to the church in memory of Forrest Adair Paschal and his son, Forrest Adair Paschal, II, who died in an airplane crash, November 7, 1972.

In a special service on March 9, 1975 a dedication was held for the Paschal Memorial Handbells. A Junior Group and Youth Group of Handbell Ringers provided the program.

During this church period, some of the choir members who had been singing with the choir for many years began to retire. Here are some of those that were mentioned.

Mrs. F. J. Wrenn, Jr. and Mrs. John Beaty retired in the mid sixties.

Mrs. Glenn Morris retired in 1967 with 30 years tenure. She often sang solo parts in anthems and cantatas. For awhile, she sang in duets with her brother, Sam Osborne.

On May 1, 1969, Mrs. Hattie Dark Andrew was honored by the First Baptist Church choir for her 50 years of faithful and loyal services to the choir. A dinner, including the choir members and their spouses, was held in her honor and she was presented a set of china. Mrs. Andrew was a soloist and sang in duets and quartets in her early years with the choir.

Mrs. R. C. (Velma Pendergrass) Overman moved her membership from the church to be with her husband in 1975. She had been singing with the choir for more than forty years and sang solo parts in almost every special program presented. She was chorister for several Sunday School Departments, including the Intermediate Sunday School Department.

Mrs. Margaret Perry retired from the choir in the mid seventies.

Mrs. Frances Dorsett Hunter retired from the choir in the late seventies. She had sung with the choir for more than 40 years and had been a soloist for most of that time.

Paul Tew retired from the choir in 1981 after singing with the choir for 30 years. He was a soloist in many choir performances.

In December of 1985, Mrs. Nathalia Thomas was honored by a retirement dinner and was awarded a certificate for more than 50 years of faithful and loyal service to the choir. She received a necklace as a gift from her fellow choir members. Mrs. Thomas began singing in the choir in the early thirties and was an organist for a period of time.

In 1983, a piano prelude was begun prior to the beginning of the worship service. John Glenn Morris, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Morris, Jr.; Lisa Jordan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jordan; Mrs. Byron Oldham; and Mrs. James L. Allred alternated in playing the prelude. For the last year, Mrs. James L. Allred has become the regular pianist. Mrs. Allred substitutes as the organist when Earle Reeves is away.

Mrs. James L. Allred is the daughter of Mrs. Euncie D. Umberger and the late Gilbert Rolge Umberger of Durham, North Carolina. She attended schools in Durham and graduated from Durham High School. Mrs. Allred had 12 years of instruction in piano and one year in organ by private teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Allred have one son, Jarrett Lloyd Allred.

The present members of the Chancel Choir are:

Mrs. Harold (Rachel) Allred
* H. Thomas Andrew
Mrs. H. Thomas (Ruth) Andrew
John Bergmann
Mrs. John (Joy) Bergmann
Mrs. J. C. (Marie) Bray
DeWitt Griffin
* L. K. Griffith
Joe V. Harris
Mrs. Harold (Louise) Ivey
Miss Elma Kelly
* Bryant Kennedy
Mrs. Bryant (Edna) Kennedy
Mrs. William E. (Shirley) McNeill
Mrs. Charles (Linda) Marsh
Mrs. Dalton (Marie) Marsh
Mrs. Earle (Barbara) Reeves
Mrs. R. A. (Virginia) Richardson
Mrs. Kathryn Roe
Richard Smith
Mrs. Richard (Nancy) Smith
* Mrs. Paul (Gertrude) Tew
* Mrs. Jerry (Faye) Ward
Willis Whitehead
Mrs. Thomas (Linda) Wrenn

According to church bulletins kept on file, and information from Earle Reeves, the following have been members of the Chancel Choir for a short time, since 1965, and have performed solo selections with the choir:

Mrs. Glenn (Joyce) Russell
Paul Tew, Jr.
Leonard Smith
Mrs. Leonard (Bonnie) Smith
Cynthia Lynn Whittington
Richard Sullivan
Mrs. Richard (Charlene B.) Sullivan

The members of the present Children's Choir are:

Nathan Coletta
John David Ludington
Miss Leslie Marsh
Miss Monica Moore
Shane Phillips
Travis Phillips
Miss Jenny Lind Warfford
Miss Mary Beth Warfford

Centennial Committees

Steering:	Mrs. J. C. Bray, chairman; Mrs. Jennie Bridgers, Thomas J. Emerson
Beautification:	
Building -	James D. Lane, chaiman; Ugo Coletta, Mrs. Phoebe Morris, Mrs. Jack Moody
Grounds -	J. C. Bray, chairman; Mrs. Dalton Marsh, Mrs. Herbert Smith, Roy Jordan, Paul Ward
Publicity:	Mrs. Byron Oldham, chiarman; Mrs. Jessie Bradley, Mrs. L. K. Griffith, Mrs. Jerry Grimes, Mrs. Arthur Kennedy
Bulletin Board:	Mrs. Thomas Andrew
Music:	Richard Smith and Mrs. Richard Smith, co-chairman; Mrs. Paul Tew, Mrs. Kathryn Roe
Audio-Visual:	Dr. Paul Powell and Mrs. Paul Powell
Food:	Mrs. Cecil Budd, chairman; Mrs. Theresa Bowers, Mrs. Jessie Bradley, Mrs. Jennie Bridgers, Mrs. Nick Dark, Mrs. John Grimes III, Mrs. Nell Hairr, Miss Emma Kelly, Mrs. Berta McMasters, Mrs. Timothy Nance, Mrs. Herbert Smith, Mrs. Mae Lane, Mrs. Richard Smith, Mrs. O. Max Sprinkle, Mrs. Nathalia Thomas, Mrs. F. J. Wrenn, Jr.
Decorating For Special Events:	Mrs. Estelle Hackney, chairman; Miss Emma Kelly, Mrs. Effie Mae Avent, Mrs. O. Max Sprinkle
Hospitality:	Lewis Phillips, chairman; Men's Breakfast Group
Drama:	Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr. and Thomas J. Emerson
Centennial Awareness For Children and Youth:	Mrs. Willis Whitehead, chairman; Mrs. Ronnie Brookbank, Mrs. James F. Warfford, Mrs. Bobby Wood
Pictorial Directory:	David McCracken and Mrs. David McCracken, co-chairman; John Leonard, Mrs. John Leonard, Ernest McLawhorn, Mrs. Ernest McLawhorn
Restoration and Display of Artifacts:	Mrs. Estelle Hackney
Baptist Heritage:	Mrs. Jennie Bridgers

Centennial Celebration Activities

The steering committee for the centennial celebration of the First Baptist Church of Siler City planned the following activities for the year leading up to the Celebration Day Service, May 21, 1989.

A Church History was researched, written and published.

A pictorial membership directory was published.

A Name The Centennial Contest was held. The official theme was chosen:

Celebrating Our Heritage
Committed To The Future
1889 - 1989

Three to five historical facts were cited in each newsletter from June 1988 to May 1989.

A Heritage Room was established in the old Pastor's Study to exhibit artifacts and memorabilia depicting our one hundred year history.

Celebration activities were photographed, taped and videoed to be retained in the library as supplementary church records.

The beautification of church and grounds took place — various areas of the church interior were repainted and new carpet laid; church grounds were relandscaped; and a brick screen was erected to conceal utility equipment.

During this year, attractive bulletin boards were displayed in church hallways portraying the centennial theme.

An appreciation day for the Sunday School teachers was held on February 12, 1989.

Mayor Earl Fitts and Town Clerk, Ms. Wanda Ingold, signed a Proclamation declaring the week of May 15 - 22 as Your Baptist Church Week. Mr. Fitts and Ms. Ingold are members of the First Baptist Church.

A special service on Sunday, April 16, 1989, included songs of yester-years. A pump organ was used, period dress worn, and men's hats were used for collection plates.

During April, 1989, the Sunday Evening Bible Study began with a ten minute discussions of our Baptist Heritage.

Engraved invitations, with pictures of each church building, past and present, were mailed to out-of-town people. Media coverage was given for special events.

A unique call to worship, written by Earle Reeves, minister of music, was used in the morning worship services

beginning in February, 1989.

On March 5, 1989, special vocal music was provided by Mrs. David (Sharon Johnson) Allen, member of Sandy Creek Baptist Church. Mrs. Keith (Helen Barber) Nunn also participated.

A Centennial Birthday Party was held on the anniversary date, May 17, 1989, hosted by the children and youth of the church. Refreshments included a huge traditional birthday cake and ice cream.

On May 17, 1989, a historical drama was given depicting our early years.

Upon arrival to the centennial worship service, members and guests were greeted and presented an anniversary memento.

On May 21, 1989, to announce the start of the worship service was the tolling of the old church bell 100 times.

Lunch was served in the fellowship hall following the morning service, May 21, 1989.

Church Officers for 1988-89

Lifetime Trustees:
Thomas Emerson, chairman; Thomas Andrew, J
Jack Moody, J. Glenn Morris, Sr., J. E. Spence III

Church Clerk:
Mrs. Byron Oldham

Church Treasurer:
J. C.Bray

Assist. Church Treasurer
Mrs. Helen Buckner

Building Fund Treasurer:
Mrs. Jennie Bridgers

Church Librarian:
Mrs. Thomas Andrew

Assist. Church Librarian:
Mrs. Mae Lane

Associational Executive Committee Representative:
John Leonard

Messengers to State and Southern Baptist Convention:
Mrs. Jack Brewer, Mrs. Naman Albright,
Mrs. Mae Lane, Mrs. Theresa Bowers, Mrs. Marie Dunlap,
Mr. and Mrs. O. Max Sprinkle, Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Smith, Jr.

Board of Finance:
(Terms expiring December 1991)
Mrs. Jessie Bradley, Max Bray, Ernest McLawhorn

Nominating Committee:
Thomas Emerson, chairman; Mrs. Walker Fesmire,
Bryant Kennedy, Mrs. Max Sears

Lord's Supper Committee:
Mr. and Mrs. John Lenoard

Audit Committee:
Earl Fitts, Bobby Wood, Mrs. Jerry Ward

Baptismal Committee:
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Faircloth,
Mr. and Mrs. George Meadows

Pulpit Supply:
Bryant Kennedy, chairman; Charles Marsh, Mrs. J. E.
Spence III, Mrs. F. J. Wrenn, Jr.

Transportation Committee:
Charles Marsh, Jack Moody, Byron Oldham,
Odell Tillman, Todd Reeves,
Willis Whitehead

Sanctuary Flower Committee:
Mrs. David Pollock, chairman; Mrs. J. C. Bray,
Mrs. Estelle Hackney, Mrs. Roy Jordan, Mrs.
Ernest McLawhorn, Mrs. Leroy Pickard

Ushers:
Harold Allred, Payne Collins, Dewey Dixon, Walker Fesmire,
Roy Jordan, Arthur Bryan Kennedy, Michael Knnedy, David
McCraken, Ernest McLawhorn, Joe McMasters, Leroy Pickard,
Charles Marsh, Eugene Moore, Bobby Sizemore

Vocation Bible School:
Mrs. Lewis Phillips

Senior Adult Leader:
Mrs. Thomas Andrew

Church Hostesses:
Miss Elma Kelly, Mrs. Herbert Smith, Mrs. O. Max
Sprinkle, Mrs. Theresa Bowers

Baptist Men:
Joseph Mueller

Benevolence Committee:
Mrs. Jessie Bradley, Mrs. Jennie Bridgers, Mrs. Nell
Hairr, Mrs. Cecil Budd, Mrs. Timothy Nance,
Mrs. Berta McMasters, Mrs. Nathalia Thomas,
Mrs. F. J. Wrenn, Jr., Mrs. Mae Lane

Alternates:
Mrs. John Grimes III, Mrs. Richard Smith

Sunday School Officers and Teachers 1988-1989

Director:
Mrs. Willis Whitehead

Assist. Director:
Roy Jordan

Recording Secretary:
Thomas Andrew

Preschool (0-1):
Mrs. Earl Beal

Preschool (2 and 3 yr. olds):
Mrs. Payne Collins, Mrs. David Hamm,
Mrs.Randy Hobbs, Mrs. Eugene Moore,
Mrs. Roger Seawell

Preschool (4 and 5 yr. olds):
Mrs. James L. Allred, Mrs. Ronnie Brook-
bank, Mrs. Charles Marsh

Children's A (Grades 1, 2 and 3):
Mrs. Douglas Deaton, Mrs. Donald
Luddington, Mrs. Charles M. Hudson

Children's B (Grades 4 and 5):
Superintendent: Mrs. J. E. Spence III
Teachers: Mrs. Dalton Marsh,
Mrs. David Pollok, Mrs. J. E. Spence III

Youth A (Grades 6, 7 and 8):
Superintendent: Mrs. James F. Warfford
Secretary: Mrs. Jack Moody
Teachers: (boys) Jesse Watts
(girls) Mrs. Lewis Phillips
and Mrs. J. Daniel Phillips,Jr.

Youth B (Grades 9-12):
Rotating Teachers: Mrs. Ed Marsh,
J. E. Spence III
Secretary: Mrs. I. G. Cross
Assist. Secretary: Mrs. Glenna Blair

Adult Department
College and Career: Ed Marsh, Mrs. Dan McMasters
Young Married Couples: Mrs. John Morris, Jr.
Rachel Allred Class:
Teacher: Mrs. Harold Allred
Assistants: DeWitt Griffin, William McKeown, Joseph
Mueller, J. E. Spence III, Odell Tillman
Fidelis:
Teachers: Miss Sylvia Burns, Mrs. Mae Lane
Esther: Mrs. C. R. Smith, Jr.
Philathea:
Teacher: Mrs. Bobby Holt
Assist. Teacher: Mrs. W. Thomas Wrenn
Faith Ladies Class: Rotating Teachers
T. E. L. Outreach Class:
Mrs. Thomas Andrew
Men's Class (in annex):
Teachers: Murray Andrew, Thomas Emerson,
Roy A. Edwards
Men's Class (in fellowship hall):
Rotating Teachers
Class in Church Parlor:
Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr.

W. M. U. Officers For 1988-1989

W. M. U. Director/President:
Miss Sylvia Burns
B. W. Secretary:
Mrs. Theresa Bowers
Mission Study:
Mrs. Jack Brewer and
Mrs. W. Thomas Wrenn
Mission Support:
Mrs. C. R. Smith, Jr.
Mission Friends Director (ages 2-3):
Mrs. Michael Kennedy
Mission Friends Director (ages 4-5):
Mrs. Ugo Colleta, Mrs. David Hamm

Girls In Action Directors (younger girls):
Mrs. J. Daniel Phillips, Sr.
Mrs. James F. Warfford
Girls In Action Directors (older girls):
Mrs. James D. Lane, Mrs. Lewis
Phillips, Mrs. David Pollok
Acteens Directors:
Mrs. Douglas Deaton, Mrs. Joe McMasters
W. M. U. Pianist:
Mrs. Jessie Bradley
Assistant Pianist:
Mrs. Kathryn Roe
Bulletin Boards:
Mrs. Thomas Andrew

The 1988-1989 Church Budget

	Budget Item	Amount
Missions:		
	*Cooperative Program	$16,856
	Associational Missions	1,700
	Transient Fund	200
Salaries and Supplements:		
	Pastor's Salary	20,000
	Pastor's Housing Allowance	10,000
	Pastor's Book Allowance	200
	Minister of Music's Salary	18,500
	Minister of Youth's Salary	5,720
	Church Secretary's Salary	14,469
	Janitor's Salary	5,650
Educational and Promotional:		
	Vacation Bible School	500
	Woman's Missionary Union	1,200
	Children, Youth, Sr. Adults	2,000
	Music Program	800
	Biblical Recorder	1,200
	Revival and Pulpit Supply	500
	Literature	3,000
	Supplies, Equipment, and Misc	3,600
	Library	300
	Adult Recreation	700
	Illiteracy Education	200
Operational:		
	Office Supplies, Printing, Postage	3,000
	Flowers, Memorials, Benevolence	1,200
	Repairs, Maintenance, Grounds	5,000
	Utilities and Fuel	12,000
	Insurance (church)	5,600
	Piano and Organ Tune	400
	Convention and Training (Staff)	500
	Church Transportation	3,500
Retirement and Other Benefits:		
	Social Security	7,236
	Staff Retirement and Insurance	7,500
	Total	$ 153,231

* 11% of total budget

Centennial Worship Service

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Centennial Sunday — May 21, 1989

1889 - 1989

PIANO PRELUDE — Dawn Allred
RINGING OF THE OLD CHURCH BELL — Bobby Sizemore
CALL TO WORSHIP (Centennial Theme) — Earle Reeves

"O God our God with love in our hearts
We've come this far today with blessings from Thee
We have shared in the past, we shall move ahead to
heights of glory
Rejoice for great is the reward to those who love Thee
Rejoice, Rejoice!"

INVOCATION — Rev. C. R. Smith, Jr.
HYMN 54 — "God of Our Fathers"
Clifford Tilley, trumpet
John Glenn Morris, III, second piano
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS
RESPONSIVE READING — "Call To Consecration" — No. 73
A MOMENT OF SILENCE
In grateful remembrance of our deceased members 1889-1989
MORNING PRAYER
HYMN 41 — "To God Be The Glory" — Doane
OFFERTORY PRAYER
WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS
DOXOLOGY
ANTHEM — "Hymn of Gratitude and Praise" — Parks
CENTENNIAL MESSAGE — Dr. Roy Smith
HYMN 488 — "Battle Hymn" — Steffe
SPOKEN BENEDICTION
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
"Blest Be The Tie" — Nageli
Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowhsip of kindred minds
Is like to that above. Amen.
ORGAN POSTLUDE

Everyone is invited to the fellowship hall for lunch.

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CHURCH STAFF
Minister ..... C. R. Smith, Jr.
Minister of Music ..... J. Earle Reeves
Minister of Youth ..... Susan Hunnicutt
Church Secretary ..... Nancy C. Oldham

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Following lunch, Murray Andrew will be in the sanctuary for those who would like to purchase a History Book.

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Our guest speaker, Dr. Roy Smith, is Executive Secretary-Treasurer of The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The altar flowers are given by:

Mrs. Hattie D. Andrew
Mr. and Mrs. H. Thomas Andrew
Mr. and Mrs. Brown Lane
Mrs. Lillie D. Sharpe
Miss Rachel C. Sharpe
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sharpe, Jr.

in loving memory of Thomas J. Dark, III, who gave the cornerstone in honor of his mother, Mrs. Hassie J. Dark.

Histories

This One Hundred Year History is the first extensive history written for the First Baptist Church of Siler City. In the past, historical sketches have been prepared for certain occasions. The following is a list of those left for record.

John W. Emerson, Jr. wrote for the Sandy Creek Association minutes in 1930, when the Association met at the First Baptist Church of Siler City.

Mrs. Clyde (Ruth Edwards) Fore wrote for the Biblical Recorder in 1944 just after the church had paid the building debt.

W. C. Teague wrote for the Chatham News on its 50th anniversary, 1939.

In the early fifties, Mrs. C. N. Bray wrote a historical sketch and left it with the church minutes.

Mrs. F. J. Wrenn, Jr. wrote for the program used in the dedication of the Educational Building in 1965.

In Memoriam

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."
Psalm 116:15

From 1889 to 1926, there were no records kept or reports made to the Sandy Creek Association of the death of a church member. The very brief and incomplete list will include those names discovered during the research of this transcript.

Mrs. Vallie Beavers	1919
Mrs. U. S. (Stella) Blair	1916
M. J. Boling	1918
Mrs. Martha Brooks	
J. J. Cruthchfield	1897
Mrs. W. T. Dorsett	1914
W. M. Foster	
Miss Minnie Gilmore	
W. B. Gilmore	
Mrs. W. B. Gilmore	
Noah Harris	1908
Mrs. W. A. Headen	1916
John Henry	1914
Mrs. J. T. Henry	
J. F. Hudson	
Mrs. J. J. (Albra Pearson) Jenkins	1903
A. D. Jordan	1921
A. W. Jordan	1912
Edith Marley	1916
Mrs. Thomas M. Marley	1913
W. Brant Marley	1919
Mrs. G. E. Matthews	1916
Mrs. Luda Moffit	
Mrs. J. T. Murchison	
Mrs. Emma Oldham	
Mrs. T. F. Overman	1922
E. G. Perry	
Mrs. C. D. Riddle	1918
Mrs. Emma Sears	1915
Mrs. John R. Siler	1916
Mrs. J. Wade (Berta Jordan) Siler	1910
Russell Small	1918
Mrs. A. P. Smith	1914
C. W. Smith	1912
Ben F. Smith	1919
Mrs. Mary Lucy Smith	1920
Mrs. H. C. Vestal	1916
D. L. Webster	1915
Mrs. G. L. Welch	1915
Mrs. John A.White	1924
Neil White	

In 1926, the first report of church member deaths was filed with the Sandy Creek Association. The Associational year was from October 1 to September 30. Dates are given as to the time of reporting and will not necessarily be the exact year the church member died. Again, this list can only be as accurate as the reports sent in and recorded.

1926
D. C. Roberts
Mrs. Kate R. Phillips

1927
Mrs. Mollie Harris

1928
Gay G. Dark

1929
R. O. Welch
B. C. Marley
A. S. Fields
Mrs. Wesley (Sarah) McMasters

1930
W. A. Headen
Mrs. Ralph Blair

1931
J. M. Marley
Mrs. R. F. (Gertrude Loftis) Paschal
L. M Fields
W. R. Gilbert
Mrs. J. W. Turner

1932
R. H. Dixon
Paul Blair

1933
Mrs. Frances Patterson

1934
Mrs. A. W. Jordan

1935
Walter Jones
Mrs. Charlie Clark
Richard Dixon

1936
Mrs. A. H. Jones
Miss Dorthory Lowe
T. F. Overman
Henry Richardson
Mrs. Lethia Stancil
Dr. Carson R. Sears
W. A. Teague

1937
Dr. R. C. Gyles
Newton Richardson

1938
Rev. D. R. Sears
Mrs. R. P. Smith

1939
Mrs. E. G. Perry
Mrs. Grover White

1940
Dr. J. D. Edwards
Mrs. Mary Smith
Mrs. Helen Whitley
J. W. Turner
J. C. Lane
Mrs. G. E. White

1941
Mrs. June Dark
Mrs. Hettie Bray
W. L Hudson

1942
Miss Bessye Caviness

1943
Miss Fleta Bray
W. G. Whisnant
Wade Gamble
C. S. Ellis

1944
Mrs. C. C. (Blanche) Gee
Mrs. W. A. Andrew

1945
Mrs. Lumma Eubanks
Mrs. W. C. Teague
Mrs. H. E. Kennedy
Mrs. Cattie Jordan

1946
Fred Thomas
F. J. Wrenn, Sr.
V. M. Dorsett, Sr.

1947
Mrs. Hassie Dark
Mrs. R. H. Dixon
Ronald Whitley
Joe Sam Dorsett

1948
Mrs. Sylvia Moody

1949
E. T. Noel
Mrs. R. B. White
Mrs. Clay Ivey

1950
Mrs. W. R. Gilbert
Charlie Clark
Clarence Jones
Mrs. Mattie Talley
Mrs. R. A. Smith
Roy Teague, Jr.

1951
Mrs. C. D. Caviness
Mrs. John C. Cheek
T. H. Ormand
Lynn White

1952
B. B. Bray
Mrs. D. C. (Inez) Roberts
H. E. Kennedy, Sr.

1953
Mrs. L. C. Wright
Mrs. R. F. Hedrick
Miss Louise Hamer

1954
Mrs. V. M. Dorsett. Sr.
C. C. Wrenn

1955
W. C. Teague
Mrs. Vannie Perry
Mrs. J. D. Edwards
Mrs. J. C. Lane
Mrs. Cecil Morgan, Sr.

1956
R. E. Warfford
Mrs. Charlie Gamble

1957
L. P. Dixon
June Dark
Mrs. R. A. Smith
Dewey Budd
Mrs. C. O. Small
Mrs. Mary Nall Marley

1958
N. B. Bray
H. W. Dixon
Mrs. Lula Elmore
Charles Gamble
Mrs. Ethel Stout
Miss Kate Vestal

1959
John C. Bowers
John C. Cheek
Mrs. Margaret Hanner Dark
Mrs. Ada Jordan Edwards
William S. Edwards
John T. Johnson
Mrs. Alice Wright Morgan
Mrs. Laura Richardson
J. B. Whitley

1960
George McMasters
Jimmy Pendergrass
June Pendergrass
Mrs. J. F. Phillips
R. H. White

1961
C. N. Bray
Mrs. Bertha Sharpe
Jessie L Phillips
Dr. W. Clyde Thomas
Mrs. Ethel Carroll Ormand

1962
R. S. Clark, Jr.
Mrs. J. B. Whitley
Mrs. Newton Richardson
Mrs. Mattie Pierce
B. B. Buckner
H. A. Richardson
Mrs. Homer Hall, Sr.
Mrs. Alma C. Jones
Mrs. W. E. (Hazel) Pierce

1963
William Thomas Collins
Homer Glenn Hall
B. D. (Benjamin Dyer) Howard
Mrs. Ola Dark Johnson
Elisha James Straughan
Mrs. Candice McManus Welch

1964
U. S. Blair
Mrs. C. L. Brower
Ossie K. Buckner, Sr.
Mrs. Ella J. Smith
Ed. H. Jordon

1965
Mrs. Emma Hough
Mrs. Charlie Buckner
R. F. Hedrick
R. E. Casey, Jr.
Mrs. J. S. Dorsett
Mrs. Joe Bray
Thad Ellis, Jr.
Mrs. Emma Green

1966
Floyd J. Boling, Sr.
Joe Boling
R. S. Clark
E. J. Johnson
Mrs. J. F. (Betsy) Jones
Frank N. Justice
Mrs. R. F. (Westa K.) Paschal
Mrs. Dora Ellis
Mrs. Maude (Lillard) Thomas

1967
Mrs. F. J. Wrenn, Sr.
Mrs. Olympia Fields
Mrs. C. C. Headen
Mrs. Charlie Elkins
R. S. Lane
C. R. Gilmore
Ed Kidd

1968
James Hunter
W. A. Andrews
T. W. Craven
Raland Marsh
Mrs. J. L. Carrick
Miss Ida Welch
C. C. Headen

1969
Mrs. Dewey Fox
Floyd Seals
Herbert Davis
Mrs. J. F. Dixon
Mrs. Harold (Marie Wingfield) Jacobs
J. J. Rogers
L. C. Howell

1970
Ivey Budd
C. C. Gee
Mrs. W. B. Phillips
Mrs. B. B. Buckner

1971
Mrs. C. L. (Ruth Edwards) Fore
Guy Williams
Fletcher Teague
Mrs. C. C. Wrenn
Dr. R. D. Baxley

1972
Mrs. Ed Jordan
Mrs. Kate Langley
Mrs. Mary Baxley
Dr. J. L. Carrick
Preston Sizemore
James T. Lane

1973
Forrest Paschal
Forrest Paschal, Jr.
Miss Merietta Smith
Mrs. J. J. (Emma Bray) Jenkins
Mrs. Pearl Daurity

1974
Miss Helen Siler
Mrs. Mark Ollington
Mrs. R. H. White
Garland Bray
J. F. Phillips
Mrs. Lewis Gilliland

1975
Mrs. Grover Budd
John W. Emerson
Mrs. Rosa Poe
Mrs. Lucy Holland
James Hill
Mrs. W. T. Collins
Graham Fields

1976
Mrs. E. J. Straughan
George Whitehead
George McIver
Charles White
Jesse Glosson

1977
Mrs. Berta Bray
Carl L. Brower
V. M. Dorsett, Jr.
Mrs. Roland Marsh
Mrs. F. L. Teague
Clyde Jones

1978
Robie Phillips, Sr.
Mrs. Henry Dunlap
Mrs. Jesse Glosson
W. B. Dark
Mrs. Archie Norwood
Mrs. Berta Roberts
Louis Spence
Ralph Blair

1979
Mrs. R. S. Clark
Mrs. Roy Teague, Sr.
Glenn Gilmore
Mrs. C. D. Kelly
Mrs. Hazel White
Berry Buckner
Mrs. Ralph Blair

1980
Mrs. Will Wrenn
Mrs. Clay Garvin
J. L. Sheppard
Fred Taylor
R. F. Paschal
Dalton K. Buckner, Sr.

1981
J. E. Spence, Jr.
Mrs. Frankie Warfford
James K. Boling
John Gilbert
Herbert Grimes
Mrs. Thelma Murphy

1982
Wade McMasters
Mrs. C. N. Bray
June Moody
Mrs. Alice Wingfield
Mrs. John Emerson
Mrs. C. R. Gilmore
Mrs. Lida Bridges

1983
Glenn Johnson
Mrs. Dora Perry
James Morris
J. V. Siler
Mrs. C. C. (Nancy) Gee
Mrs. H. A. Richardson
Mrs. U. S. Blair
Niven Ghant

1984
Clyde Burke
Fred Brown
Glenn Nicks
Mrs. Ruth B. Johnson
Mrs. Dora Stone
E. S. (Dick) Bridgers
Marvin Thompson
Mrs. Clyde Jones
Ray Liles
Mrs. Ray Liles
Mrs. A. G. Kennedy

1985
Mrs. Tom Ligon
Mrs. E. J. Johnson
Mrs. Etta Sizemore
R. C. DuBose
Mrs. Clifford Bowling
Mrs. J. S. McIver
James Edmund (Jay) Spence, IV
Marguerite K. Brissett

1986
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Mrs. C. N. Moore
J. C. Thompson
Mrs. James E. Spence, Jr.
Mrs. Paul (Bobbie Fields) Ward
Mrs. Lela Smalley
Miss Mary C. Teague
C. C. Poe, Jr.
Jack Payne

1987
Arthur Swatts
John Dorsett
K. G. Clapp
Mrs. Letis Jones
Allen Burgett

1988
Mrs. Sallie M. Sorgee
Thomas Dark
Lester Bradley
Mrs. Grace B. Clapp
Mrs. Lucille Glosson
Miss Ann Marley
Charlie Hackney
J. S. McIver
Mrs. W. O. Carter, Sr.
Edward Blair
Mrs. J. Wade (Vivian Jordan) Siler

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Mrs. L. P. (Ruth Small) Dixon
Mrs. John R. (Edna Fox) Gilbert

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Allred, Mrs. James Lloyd (Dawn Umberger)
Allred, Mrs. Joy (Fox)
* Allred, Mrs. Nellie (Fields)
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* Andrew, Herbert Thomas
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Andrew, Mrs. Murray Milton (Barbara Burke)
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* Baldwin, Thomas Fleet
* Baldwin, Mrs. Thomas Fleet (Ruby Lee Eubanks)
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Beal, Mrs. C. Earl, Jr. (Theresa Philps)
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Bergmann, Mrs. John (Joy Landers)
Blair, Mrs. Glenna (Hinshaw)
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Boling, Floyd Jackson, Jr.
* Boling, Mrs. Mae (Dark)
* Bowers, Mrs. Theresa (Collins)
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Bray, Mrs. James Clinton (Marie Pell)
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Bray, Mrs. Max V. (Vera Cotner)
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Bridgers, Joseph Taylor
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Brookbank, Mrs. Ronald Edward (Sharon Seals)
Angela Brookbank
Kelly Denise Brookbank
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Brower, Mrs. Ralfe Kevin (Mavis Liles)
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Brown, Mrs. Myrtle Grace (Barrow)
Buckner, Mrs. Helen (Moody)
Budd, Mrs. Anna Stone
Budd, Cecil
* Budd, Mrs. Cecil (Ruth Thomas)
Budd, Della Margaret
Budd, Kenneth Curbet
Budd, Mrs. Kenneth Curbet (Margaret Barnes)
Budd, Thomas Michael
Budd, Mrs. Thomas Michael (Fabienne Green)
Burke, Mrs. Louise (White)
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* Burns, Sylvia L.
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Collins, Ronald Payne
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Craig, Mrs. Edgar (Elizabeth Houk)
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Mary Douglas Deaton
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Dixon, Marsha
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Emerson, Mrs. Thomas Jackson (Anna Marsh)

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Faircloth, Mrs. Jesse (Mary Draughon)
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Fesmire, Mrs. Charles (Rachel Teague)
Fesmire, Mrs. Walker Brooks
* Fesmire, Mrs. Walker Brooks (Mary Gladys Clapp)
Field, Christopher Perry
Fields, Jerry Lynn
Fields, Mrs. Jerry Lynn (Frances Stuart)
* Fields, Norton
* Fields, Mrs. Norton (Leona Pickett)
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Fitts, Mrs. Earl Bell (Virginia Dixon)
Fitts, Pearl Dell
* Fitts, William Robert, Sr.
* Fitts, Mrs. William Robert, Sr. (Mae Marley)
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Fore, Mrs. James Ray, Jr. (Stacey Callahan)
Fore, James Ray, Sr.
Fore, Mrs. James Ray, Sr. (Patricia Ann Ruff)
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Heather Noelle Fulton
Jeffrey Scott Fulton
Ghant, Mrs. Patsy (McKinney)
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Gilliland, Roy
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Griffin, Mrs. DeWitt (Betty Sue Gathings)
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Griffith, Mrs. Lloyd Kyle (Alice Gilliam)
* Grimes, Francis Herbert
* Grimes, Mrs. Francis Herbert (Selma Andrews)
Grimes, Jerry Louis
* Grimes, Mrs. Jerry Louis (Frances Curtis)
Grimes, John Franklin, III
Grimes, Mrs. John Franklin, III (Cecilia Budd)
Grimes, John Thomas
Grimes, Stephen Gregory

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Hackney, Mrs. Estelle (Lineberry)
Hairr, Mrs. Nell (Hamrick)
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Hall, Mrs. Herbert (Peggy Barger)
Hamm, David Marshall
Hamm, Mrs. David Marshall (Ellen McIntosh)
Hargrove, Marion Turner
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Harris, Mrs. Jimmy Wayne (John Nance)
Harris, Joe V.
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Hart, Lonnie Eugene
Hart, Mrs. Lonnie Eugene (Christy Euliss)
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Holt, Bobby Gene
Holt, Mrs. Bobby Gene (Ruby Lois Dixon)
* Holt, Mrs. Etta (Moffitt)
Howard, Mrs. Virginia (Penny)
Hudson, Charles Murph, Jr.
Hudson, Mrs. Charles Murph, Jr. (Debra Atkinson)
Hughes, Mrs. Michael (Kimberly Denise Kennedy)
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Hunnicutt, Mrs. Joel Wilson (Susan Kirkland)
* Hunter, Mrs. Frances (Dorsett)
Hunter, James Dorsett

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Ingold, Wanda Gail
* Ivey, Mrs. Harold (Louise Carter)

Jacobs, Harold
Jacobs, Mrs. Harold (Ruby Roberts)
Johnson, Mrs. Jacqueline (Hall)
Johnson, James Terry
Johnson, Mrs. James Terry (Sheralyn Craig)
Johnson, Larry Joe
Jones, Bobby Lee
Jones, Mrs. Bobby Lee (Susan Carroll)
Jordan, Lisa
Jordan, Roy
Jordan, Mrs. Roy (Margie Pike)
Keck, Mrs. Jerry (Debra Clapp)
Kelly, Elma
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Kennedy, Mrs. Arthur Bryan (Renee Routh)
Kennedy, Arthur Bryant
Kennedy, Mrs. Arthur Bryant (Edna Woodcock)
Kennedy, Douglas Michael
Kennedy, Mrs. Douglas Michael (Dana Rochelle Porch)
Kennedy, Jamie Duncan
Kennedy, John Duncan
Kennedy, Mrs. John Duncan (Mary Alice Glosson)
Key, Mrs. Betty (Myers)
* Lane, Brown
Lane, Mrs. Brown (Emmie Dark)
Lane, James Dawson
Lane, Mrs. James Dawson (Rebecca Mohorn)
Lane, Mrs. John Randolph (Myrtle Johnson)
Lane, Mrs. Mae (Marshburn)
Lee, Mrs. Robert E. (Gloria Taylor)
Leonard, John Lewis
Leonard, Mrs. John Lewis (Joyce Phillips)
Liles, Edward Nance
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MacDaniel, Marshall
MacDaniel, Mrs. Marshall (Dorothy Dark)
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McCracken, Mrs. David Eldridge (Kathleen Bodenheimer)
McLaughlin, Keith
McLaughlin, Mrs. Keith (Elizabeth Ligon)
McLawhorn, Ernest
McLawhorn, Mrs. Ernest (Betty Gilliard
* McMasters, Mrs. Berta (Bray)
McMasters, George Daniel, Jr.
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McMasters, Joe Moore
McMasters, Mrs. Joe Moore (Barbara Hackney)
Gina Yvette Thomas
McMasters, Mrs. Lucy (Moore)
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Magruder, Mrs. Rebecca (Ward)
Marsh, Charles Roland
Marsh, Mrs. Charles Roland (linda Snyder)
Janie Marie Marsh
Michael Roland Marsh
Stephen Charles Marsh
Marsh, Ed Carson
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Marsh, Kenneth Hayes
Marsh, William Dalton
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Meadows, Deborah Ann
Meadows, George F. Sr.
Meadows, Mrs. George F., Sr. (Patricia Ramsey)
Meadows, Johnny W.
Meadows, Mrs. Johnny W. (Barbara Glover)
Misenheimer, Mary Keller
Moody, Jack Arthur
Moody, Mrs. Jack Arthur (Mary Helen Barden)
Lee Harrison Moody
Stephen Bain Moody
Moody, Mrs. Lacey (Watkins)
Moon, Pauline
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Moore, Mrs. Elmer Eugene (Ruby Cheek)
Chadwick Eugene Moore
Moore, Mrs. Jeffrey Stuart (Holly Ellington)
Moore, Mary Lee
Morris, John Glenn, Jr.
Morris, Mrs. John Glenn, Jr. (Judith Ann Weaver)
* Morris, John Glenn, Sr.
* Morris, Mrs. John Glenn, Sr. (Mildred Osborne)
Morris John Glenn, III
Morris, Mrs. Phoebe (Phillips)
Mueller, Joseph
Mueller, Mrs. Joseph (Frankie Cockman)
Keith Jeffrey Mueller
Murphy, Mrs. Oliver Jack (Jane Morris)
Nance, Timothy
Nance, Mrs. Timothy (Mary Helen Chason)
Nicks, Mrs. Cherry (Euliss)
* Norwood, Archie
O'Connor, Robert
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Brian O'Connor
Oldham, Benjamin Byron
Oldham, Mrs. Benjamin Byron (Nancy Clapp)
* Oldham, Mrs. Blanche (Marley)
Paschal, Mrs. Donald Lee (Decie Brower)
Paschal, Mrs. Norma (Bodey)
Petty, Mrs. William Horace (Yvonne Jones)
Phillips, John Daniel, Jr.
Phillips, Mrs. John Daniel, Jr. (Deborah Cowden)
Phillips, John Daniel, Sr.
* Phillips, Mrs. John Daniel, Sr. (Peggy Fields)
Phillips, Leisa (Walters)
Phillips, Lewis Spinks, Jr.
Phillips, Mrs. Lewis Spinks, Jr. (Patricia Thomas)
Ashley Lewis Phillips
Emily Elizabeth Phillips
Phillips, Mrs. Myrtle (Foster)
* Phillips, Mrs. Verna (Hall)
Pickard, Mrs. Jackie (Price)
Pickard, Leroy
Pickard, Mrs. Leroy (Gloras Hayes)
Pittman, Thomas Bruce
Pittman, Mrs. Thomas Bruce (Carolyn Newsome)
Poe, Brooks Hedrick
Poe, Wade Lyman
Pollok, James David
Pollok, Mrs. James David (Rebecca Marsh)
Mary Estelle Pollok
Poole, Russell Roy, Jr.
Poole, Russell Roy, Sr.
Poole, Mrs. Russell Roy, Sr. (Dorothy Jean Beckwith)
Poole, Tommy Lee
Poteat, David Harold
Poteat, Harold B.
Poteat, Mrs. Harold B. (Jean Moore)
Poteat, Kelly Adair
Powell, Dr. Paul Leonard, Jr.
Powell, Mrs. Paul Leonard, Jr. (Sherlynn Dixon)
Laura Kathryn Powell
Paul Leonard Powell, III
Rayle, Gordon, Sr.
Rayle, Mrs. Gordon, Sr. (Helen Smith)
Reece, Max Gardner, Jr.
Reece, Mrs. Max Gardner, Jr. (Susan Boling)
Reeves, David Mark
Reeves, John Earle
Reeves, Mrs. John Earle (Barbara Ann Perry)
Reeves, Todd Brandon
Richardson, Michael Lee
* Richardson, Richard Anderson
Richardson, Mrs. Richard Anderson (Virginia Thomas)
* Rightsell, Mrs. Evelyn (Marsh)
Roe, Mrs. Kathryn (Edwards)
Rosser, Mrs. Jeffrey Dale (Angela Watts)
* Sears, Max Parker
Sears, Mrs. Max Parker (Patsy Isley)
Seawell, Mrs. Roger (Anita Holt)
* Sharpe, Elwood
Sharpe, Mrs. Elwood (Lucy Bullock)
* Sharpe, Mrs. Lillie (Dark)
* Sharpe, Rachel Carolyn
* Short, Mrs. Earl (Hilda Kennedy)
* Siler, Mrs. Lucille (Ellis)
Sizemore, Bobby Lee
Smith, Rev. Casper Rei, Jr.
Smith, Mrs. Casper Rei, Jr. (Dorothy Ashley)
Smith, Herbert Allen, Sr.
Smith, Mrs. Herbert Allen, Sr. (Mary Frances Ivey)
Smith, Richard Craig
Smith, Mrs. Richard Craig (Nancy Wrenn)
Anna Christine Smith
Snipes, Jeffrey Lee
Snipes, Mrs. Jeffrey Lee (Cathy Ann Phillips)
Spence, James Edmund, III
Spence, Mrs. James Edmund, III (Becky Everhart)
Spence, Mrs. Kathleen (McArthur)
Sprinkle, O'Max
Sprinkle, Mrs. O'Max (Mearl Brown)
Steppe, Mrs. Helen (Allred)
Stinnett, Dr. Rodney G.
Stinnett, Mrs. Rodney G. (Anita Wireman)
Stone, Jr. Ed
Swain, Ray F.
Swain, Mrs. Ray F. (Jessie Motsinger)
Swatts, Mrs. Eula (Barnhill)
Tarkenton, Donald Lee
Stephanie Renee Tarkenton
Teague, M. A.
Teague, Mrs. M. A. (Ornice Seotten)
Teague, Ritchie Joe
Teague, Mrs. Ritchie Joe (Jackanette Lane)
Tew, Paul Sherwood, Sr.
Tew, Mrs. Paul Sherwood, Sr. (Gertrude Poole)
Thomas, Charlie B.
* Thomas, Mrs. Nathalia (Bray)
* Thomas, Rowland Hayes
* Thomas, Mrs. Rowland Hayes (Helen Keller)
Thompson, Mrs. Essie (Wrenn)
Thompson, Mrs. Leota (Budd)
Tillman, Odell
Tillman, Mrs. Odell (Joan Ivey)
Turner, Charles L.
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Van Asch, Mrs. Angela Renee (Walters)
Vann, Mrs. James Stuart (Ellen Dry)
Derrick Dry Vann
Vann, Mitchell Stuart
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Walters, Mrs. Joanne (Stinson)
Ward, Elizabeth Dawn
Ward, Jerry
Ward, Mrs. Jerry (Faye Foushee)
Ward, Paul
Warfford,James Franklin
Warfford, Mrs. James Franklin (Linda Cowan)
Watts, Jesse Reid
Watts, Mrs. Jesse Reid (Patricia Harris)
Weaver, Cecil C.
* Weaver, Mrs. Cecil C. (Rosa Mae Collins)
Weaver, Cecil Thomas
Webster, Reid
Webster, Mrs. Reid (Helen Shepherd)
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White, Mrs. Franklin Delano (Geraldine Scott)
* White, Mrs. Genero (Green)
White, Henry Lemuel
White, James Gregory
White, Mrs. Shirley (Griggs)
White, Susan Elizabeth
Whitehead, Mrs. Hilda (Griffin)
Whitehead, Willis Lee
Whitehead, Mrs. Willis Lee (Diane Bowers)
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Loretta Diane Whitehead
Whitesell, Mrs. Thomas Jeffreys (Susan Bradley)
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Williams, Mrs. Bera (Edwards)
* Williams, Mrs. Margaret (Dark)
Williams, Mrs. Mattie (Dorsett)
Williams, Sam
Williams, Mrs. Sam (Sheila Riley)
Williams, Vergle
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Wood, Elizabeth Leigh
Wood, Lori Ann
Womble, Mrs. Louise (Ivey)
* Wrenn, Carrol Willis
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Wrenn, David Willis
* Wrenn, Forrest James, Jr.
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* Wrenn, Franklin Lafayette
* Wrenn, Mrs. Franklin Lafayette (Doris Ormand)
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Bridgers, Richard Speight
Britson, Russell Allen
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Brower, Michael Kevin
Brower, Ronnie Liles
Brower, William Stephen
Brown, Greg
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Buckner, Ossie Kendall, Jr.
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Craig, Mrs. Phyllis Ann (McLaughlin)
Craven, Thomas Lee
Crawley, Milton D.
Curren, Mrs. Julia Dell (Blair)
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Dark, Lawrence Talton, III
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Daye, Mrs. Sharon (Dark)
Denise, Mrs. Sandra
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Dinkins, Mrs. Julie (Poe)
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Dixon, Kerry Lynn
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Emerson, Robert Dunlap
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Glosson, John K.
Green, Bright
Griffin, David DeWitt
Griffin, Nancy Sue
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Hamilton, Connie Frances
Hamilton, Jayne Annette
Hamilton, Terri Lynn
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Howard, Ben Coleman
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Jacobs, Wayne
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* McIver, Mrs. Ollie (Moody)
McKinney, Allen
McKinney, Mrs. Allen (Sandra)
McMillan, Robert
McMillan, Mrs. Robert (Alene)
McMinn, Mrs. W. P.
Marbert, Bob
Marbert, Mrs. Bob (Kay)
Martin, Mrs. Brenda (Parrish)
Meadows, George F., Jr.
* Milliken, Mrs. Joyce (Edwards)
Mondell, Mrs. Rebecca (McMinn)
Montgomery, Craig Lee
Moore, Donald Carey
Moore, Ronald Johnson
Morgan, Mrs. Betsy
Morgan, Cecil, Jr.
Nix, Darrell
Nix, Mrs. Darrell (Vera)
Norwood, Archie, Jr.
Norwood, Mrs. Archie, Jr. (Carol)
Nunn,Mrs. Benjie Sue (Clapp)
Oldham, Benjamin Ray
Oldham, Marshall
Olson, Doris
O'Neal, Mrs. Naomi (Simpson)
* Paschal, R. Fred, Jr.
Patterson, Vance Benton
Patton, Mrs. Tate (Debra Watts)
* Perry, Mrs. Margaret (Pendergrass)
Perry, Mrs. Sandra (Harris)
Phillips, Mrs. Annette (Swain)
Phillips, Dillard Clay
Phillips, Gerald
Phipps, Mrs. C. R. (Lavanda)
Phipps, Nancy Dawn
Pickard, Billy
Pickard, Tommy
Pickard, William
Pickard, Mrs. William (Mary)
Pittman, Gregory Bruce
Pittman, Robin Christopher
Poe, Barry David
Poe, Richard Vann
Porter, John
Porter, Mrs. John (Abby)
Rayle, Gordon, Jr.
Reece, Carole
Richardson, Jay Alan
Richardson, Patrick Lee
Rood, B. J., Jr.
Ross, Edwin
Satrazemis, Mrs. David Christopher (Cathy Bradley)
Sears, Hardy
Sears, Kathryn Dru
* Sharpe, William Eli, Jr.
Shaw, Mrs. Cindy (Fesmire)
Short, Mrs. Robert (Sara Ellen)
Siler, Mary P.
Sills, Mrs. Barbara (Stone)
Sizemore, Clyde Howard
Smith, Mrs. Eva Mae
Smith, Herbert Allen, Jr.
Spence, Shannan Patricia
Squitieri, Mrs. Carolyn (Dark)
* Stafford, Mrs. Lee (Frances Rogers)
Stone, Mrs. Iris
Stovall, Mrs. Sylvia Jacqueline (Brady)
Strand, Mrs. Ralph (Elizabeth Boling)
Swain, Stephen Jacob
Talley, Mrs. James (Shirley Kelly)
Taylor, Mrs. Fred (Evelyn)
* Teague, Hawley
Teal, Robert
Terrell, Mrs. John Timothy (Grace Emerson)
Terry, John Kerr
Tew, James Alan
Thorne, Cindy Lou
Thorne, Warren
Thorne, Mrs. Warren
Tillman, Christopher Odell
Tillman, David Lawrence
Tysinger, Mrs. Dorothy (Davis)
Walston, Elmo Hardin
Walston, Mrs. Susan (Sanders)
Watts, Stephen Reid
Webster, Jerry Reid
* Welch, Vallie
White, Melissa Ann
White, Paul G.
White, Mrs. Paul G. (Patsy)
White, Mrs. Robert (Emily Grace Boling)
Whitsett, Alice S.
Wicker, Mary B.
Williams, W. E.
Wilson, Mrs. Larry (Sara Moore)
Wilson, Mrs. Sandra (Hunt)

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Siler City, North Carolina

May 17, 1889 - May 17, 1989

The Worship of God

Centennial Sunday — May 21, 1989

1889 - 1989

PIANO PRELUDE ..... Dawn Allred

RINGING OF THE OLD CHURCH BELL ..... Bobby Sizemore

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... *(Centennial Theme)* ..... Earle Reeves

O Lord, our God, with love in our hearts
We've come this far today,
With the blessings from Thee
We have shared in the past,
We shall move ahead to heights of glory.
Rejoice! For great is the reward
To those who love Thee. Rejoice! Rejoice!

INVOCATION ..... C. R. Smith, Jr.

HYMN 54 ..... *God of our Fathers* ..... Warren

Clifford Tilley, trumpet
John Glenn Morris, III, second piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

RESPONSIVE READING ..... *Call to Consecration* ..... No. 73

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

In grateful remembrance of our deceased members 1889 - 1989

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN 41 ..... *To God Be the Glory* ..... Doane

OFFERTORY PRAYER

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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ANTHEM ..... *Hymn of Gratitude and Praise* ..... Parks

CENTENNIAL MESSAGE ..... Dr. Roy Smith

HYMN 488 ..... *Battle Hymn* ..... Steffe

SPOKEN BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL
RESPONSE ..... *Blest Be the Tie* ..... Nageli

Blest Be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

CHORAL CLOSING ..... *As the Father has Sent Me*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Everyone is invited to the fellowship hall for lunch.

Thanks to the following committees for their dedicated service:

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Baptist Heritage ..... Jennie Bridgers

Church Staff:

Minister ..... C. R. Smith, Jr.
Minister of Music ..... J. Earle Reeves
Minister of Youth ..... Susan Hunnicutt
Church Secretary ..... Nancy C. Oldham

Following lunch, Murray Andrew will be in the sanctuary
for those who would like to purchase a History Book.

Our guest speaker, Dr. Roy Smith, is Executive Secretary-Treasurer
of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The altar flowers are given by:

Mrs. Hattie D. Andrew
Mr. and Mrs. H. Thomas Andrew
Mr. and Mrs. Brown Lane

Mrs. Lillie D. Sharpe
Miss Rachel C. Sharpe
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sharpe, Jr.

in loving memory of
Thomas J. Dark, III,
who gave the cornerstone in honor of his mother,
Mrs. Hassie J. Dark.